

From: [sandra safran](#)
Subject: ANTI-SEMITISM
Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 12:40:59 PM

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Anti-semitism is already covered in hate crimes legislation that is already on the books. There is no need for special legislation on the subject.

As an aside: Being against the policies of the right wing government of Israel or AIPAC is not a sign of anti-semitism. It is a sign that the occupation of Gaza and the desire to annex the West Bank should not be tolerated. Israel is an apartheid government and should be treated as such like we did in South Africa. (I am Jewish and I am against the policies of the present Israeli government. I am not anti-semitic. I stopped donating to Israel years ago.)

Sandra Safran

From: [Andrew Langer](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Conservative leaders call on U.S. federal/state lawmakers to hold Airbnb accountable for Anti-Semitism
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 2:23:38 PM

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Letter signed by 19 prominent national conservative leaders calling on federal and state lawmakers to hold Airbnb accountable for Anti-Israel policy

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March 20, 2019

Dear Florida Representative:

Airbnb's recent decision to target Jewish property owners in Israel's West Bank is clearly out of step with American values. We urge you to join us in standing up for Israel and condemning this egregious example of anti-Semitism.

Airbnb has a long and well-documented history of supporting extreme liberal causes and attacking conservative leaders. In 2017, for example, the company hired President Obama's former Attorney General, Eric Holder, to launch Super Bowl ads attacking President Trump. Their head of Global Policy and Communications, Chris Lehane, came from the extremist group NextGen, a project of left-wing benefactor Tom Steyer. And their leadership has contributed heavily to Democrats and liberals, including Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Kamala Harris.

Airbnb's latest left-wing cause is its most disgraceful foray into far-left politics. Airbnb has now decided to join the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel. As part of the company's participation in the BDS movement, Airbnb delisted more than 200 Jewish-owned rental properties in the West Bank in November 2018. The anti-Semitic motivations for the de-listing decision are apparent, as Airbnb continues to list Palestinian-owned properties there.

State officials in Florida and now Texas have taken a laudable stand for Israel, with a zero-tolerance policy for companies participating in the BDS movement. Governor Ron DeSantis has displayed tremendous leadership on this issue, imposing sanctions on Airbnb. Those sanctions received the unanimous support of the members of the State Board Administration and leaders in the Florida Legislature. The sanctions in Florida and Texas designate Airbnb as the first American firm to be placed on both state's anti-BDS "scrutinized" list and prohibit state employees from using Airbnb for reimbursable work-related travel.

Airbnb's placement on anti-BDS scrutinized lists of Florida and Texas also carries the significant consequence of prohibiting state public pension dollars from being included in any investment fund tied to Airbnb.

We commend Governor DeSantis and Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar for standing up to Airbnb's overtly anti-Israel policy and we urge governors and legislators around the country to follow the model of Texas and Florida in holding Airbnb accountable.

We urge members of Congress to take a public stand in demanding that Airbnb cease its offensive and discriminatory policies at once.

Supporters and defenders of Israel must send Airbnb a strong and unmistakable message that the company's anti-Semitic policy is entirely inconsistent with American values and, consequently, will not be tolerated. We hope you will join us in taking a firm stand for Israel by calling out Airbnb.

Sincerely,

Andrew Langer
President, Institute for Liberty

Saulius "Saul" Anuzis
President, 60 Plus Association

Honorable Bob Beauprez

Former U.S. Congressman

Honorable Ken Buck
U.S. Congressman (Colorado)

Tom Schatz
President, Citizens Against Government Waste

Rabbi Aryeh Spero
National Conference of Jewish Affairs

Charlie Gerow
Quantum Communications

Rick Manning
President, Americans for Limited Government

Eunie Smith
President, Eagle Forum

Elliot Green
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George Landrith
President & CEO, Frontiers of Freedom

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To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: lieutenantcolonelmarchayesphd@gmail.com
Subject: From "Write Your Representative" Website
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 11:56:22 AM

Marc Hayes
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Gatlinburg, TN, FL 37738
(731)608-4148

03/19/19 11:56 AM

To the Honorable Randy Fine;

I taught the complete truth of the tragic holocaust in Eastern Europe for 12 years at the college level—read deeply on the matter; many documentaries studied. Been to Auschwitz (once), Dachau (6 times). Was a COLD WARRIOR, stationed in West Germany.

Using the Marxist-generated PC (KGB “active measures”)/ hate-crime/ control of speech (but never of thought) IS NOT the leftist route you really want to take to correct the fascists leveling propaganda against anything Jewish, Zionist, Israel is it? Because THIS is what you are doing. Using Marxist tactics to fight fascism, since both are terrible and oppressive is not the solution at all. Rather, it is the FINAL SOLUTION, killing the 1st Amendment. And the Islamo-Jihadi-fascists (CAIR) will want in on this as well . . . to codify as criminal ANYTHING they do not like to hear or read in FL.

Please re-think, Mr. Fine THIS cannot be what you REALLY WANT to do—surely

Most sincerely,

Marc Hayes
Lieutenant Colonel
Corps of Engineers
US Army (retired)

From: craig@holocausteducationfund.com
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: craig@holocausteducationfund.com
Subject: From "Write Your Representative" Website
Date: Saturday, January 19, 2019 9:30:42 AM

Craig weiner
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(954)389-9000

01/19/19 9:30 AM

To the Honorable Randy Fine;

Dear Representative Fine

I am referred to you by Carlos Lopez-Cantara who spoke last year at this event. Please see the below email sent to Governor DeSantis. I am wondering whether you might consider helping with this request. Please give me a call at your convenience to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

Craig Weiner
President
Holocaust Learning and Education Fund, Inc.
www.Holocausteducationfund.com

Dear Governor DeSantis

Each year in the month of March, on the campus of Nova Southeastern University, an annual awards ceremony is held to honor those students and teachers from around Florida that are selected as winners of the statewide Holocaust Reflection Contest. The awards are issued to those Florida students and teachers that are selected for superior projects in art, essay or film depicting how their Holocaust education has impacted them personally to be better, more caring people in standing up against ALL forms of hate and intolerance. Surely you are aware of the bullying problems in our schools. Through our work and various programs, we strive to teach young people the importance of standing up against bullying and prejudice.

This important ceremony is attended by the President and senior administration of NSU, the Consuls General of Israel and Germany, Holocaust survivors, school system officials, and usually someone from the State. Last year Lt. Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantara spoke at the event. The media usually cover this event as well.

We would be very honored if you would consider attending as our new Governor. The event will be held on Sunday March 17 at 10:00 a.m. on the campus of NSU and conclude by 12:00 noon.

Hoping that you would consider honoring those Florida teachers and students by your attendance.

Respectfully,

Craig Weiner
President
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From: csanaosi@aol.com
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: csanaosi@aol.com
Subject: From "Write Your Representative" Website
Date: Friday, November 30, 2018 6:36:18 AM

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11/30/18 6:36 AM

To the Honorable Randy Fine;

I cannot believe how ignorant you are about how Israel is treating the Palestinians.
So lets see either you are ignorant, stupid or a moron not to see reality, or on the other hand you
are part of the racist jewish clan, who approves of murdering the freedom fighters (which you ignorantly label as
terrorist) who are trying to get the land that Israel stole from them.
The BDS movement is growing and people like you will soon be out of congress.

From: ryw@yih.org
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: ryw@yih.org
Subject: From "Write Your Representative" Website
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 6:48:50 PM

Rabbi Yosef Weinstock
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(954)966-7877

11/19/18 6:48 PM

To the Honorable Randy Fine;

Thank you for your strong support for keeping our school children safe, and especially for your leadership in providing security funding for Jewish schools in Florida. I was in Tallahassee earlier this year (in my capacity as a member of the Governor's Faith Based and Community Based Initiatives Board) and I hoped to personally thank you, but alas I just missed you in your office.

I know that you are a leader in the fight against the BDS Movement that attempts to de-legitimize the state of Israel. Thank you for all of your efforts to speak truth on an issue that is too often clouded by falsehood.

I was terribly disappointed to hear today that AirBnB has decided to join the BDS Movement and de-list Jewish properties in Judea and Samaria. This seems to me to be a violation of our great state of Florida's Anti-BDS laws. I hope that there are ways that we here in Florida can create consequences for AirBnB, and I would appreciate any help you and your colleagues can provide on this matter.

Wishing you much success in your service to the citizens of Florida.
Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Hanukkah

Sincerely,
Rabbi Yosef Weinstock

From: malinda_douglass@yahoo.com
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: malinda_douglass@yahoo.com
Subject: From "Write Your Representative" Website
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:44:54 PM

Malinda Douglass
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03/21/19 9:44 PM

To the Honorable Randy Fine;

Dear Representative Fine,

I am a Florida resident and I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the language used within the 2019 Florida HB 741 that conflates some forms of criticism of Israel with antisemitism. There is a dangerous trend within our country to limit our free speech by criminalizing criticism of the State of Israel. We, as Americans and Floridians, should always retain the right to freely criticize the policies of any government, without restriction. This is essential to our First Amendment rights.

While I completely support condemning all forms of true antisemitism against Jewish people (much of which is well-outlined within this bill,) I must strongly state that criticizing the state of Israel is NOT a criticism against Jews as a people. All Floridians should retain the right to speak our minds without fear or retribution or criminalization.

I respectfully ask you not to approve this bill as it is currently written.

Sincerely,
Malinda Douglass
Miramar Beach, FL

From: [Guy Spearman](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: FW: AFTERNOON BRIEFS: DESANTIS PLANS ISRAEL TRIP; CITRUS FORECAST DIPS
Date: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 3:23:29 PM

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AFTERNOON BRIEFS: DESANTIS PLANS ISRAEL TRIP; CITRUS FORECAST DIPS

By NSF Staff

[DESANTIS TO LEAD TRIP TO ISRAEL IN MAY](#)

Gov. Ron DeSantis said Tuesday his first international excursion on behalf of the state will begin May 25, as he makes a previously announced trip to Israel after the legislative session. “I think it’s a really unprecedented effort to strengthen the ties between Florida and Israel,” DeSantis said while at Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El in Plantation...

[MONTHLY CITRUS FORECAST DIPS](#)

With the growing season in its final months, estimated citrus production in Florida slid as the U.S. Department of Agriculture posted its latest update Tuesday. Projected orange production went down about 0.6 percent in the latest monthly forecast, while the amount of grapefruit being produced fell by 9 percent from March to April...

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With Rep. Richard Stark, D-Weston, and Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen, R-Fort Myers, facing term limits, two Democrats this week took the first steps toward running to replace them. Weston Democrat Morey Wright Jr. opened a campaign account to run in 2020 in Broward County’s House District 104, according to the state Division of Elections website... ..

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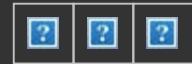


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Date: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 12:51:18 PM

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Dear Participant(s)

We have received your registration to travel on the Governor's Business Development Mission to Israel. Here is the information on flights and hotels.

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LY 17 31MAY TEL AVIV / MIAMI 630A 1245P

Total cost in economy round trip **\$1190.00** per person

Hilton Tel Aviv, May 26 -29 nightly rates - \$395.00 single / \$410.00 double

David Citadel Jerusalem, May 29 – 31 nightly rates - \$425.00 single / \$440.00 double

To book flights and/or hotels please send:

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Chesi Stanfield

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From: [Jankovits, Mimi](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: [Budko, Anna](#)
Subject: FW: Legislative Tracking Update - Florida House of Representatives
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 10:28:26 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

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Thank you for working hard to protect our students, staff and schools. We deeply appreciate your leadership and commitment.

With blessings for success in all you do for Florida, Jewish schools, Israel and true freedom,

Mimi

Mimi Baron Jankovits

Executive Director, Teach Florida

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From: subscription@myfloridahouse.gov [mailto:subscription@myfloridahouse.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 10:21 AM

To: Jankovits, Mimi

Subject: Legislative Tracking Update - Florida House of Representatives

The following tracking events have occurred:

HB 2105 (2019) -- Security Funding for Jewish Day Schools
by Representative **Randy Fine** (First Named Sponsor)

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To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: [Ash Williams](#); [Kent Perez](#); [Mike McCauley](#); [Abby Vail](#); [Amy Walker](#)
Subject: FW: SBA January 29, 2019 Cabinet Agenda and Meeting Material
Date: Friday, January 18, 2019 4:13:45 PM
Attachments: [20190129_CabinetAgendaAndMeetingMaterial.pdf](#)

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Representative Fine,

Attached, please find the SBA's January 29, 2019 Cabinet Agenda and Items. I would like to draw your attention to Item 3A, the recommended changes to the Global Governance Mandates Report, specifically the Anti-BDS Israel list, which includes the recommendation to add Airbnb to the scrutinized list of companies.

Airbnb provided additional information for consideration on Thursday, January 17, which is included as Item 3B. However, the recommendation to include them on the scrutinized list remains at this time. If the Trustees vote to include them on the scrutinized list, the SBA will send Airbnb a formal letter notifying them of the decisions which starts a formal 90 day period in which the company has the opportunity to clarify its activities regarding the boycott or cease its activities in order to avoid qualifying for investment prohibition.

We will keep your office abreast of our efforts, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

John

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From: John Kuczwanski
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 2:35 PM
To: 'Beaubien, Beau' ; 'chris.spencer@laspbs.state.fl.us' ; 'leah.trilling@eog.myflorida.com'
Cc: Ash Williams ; Kent Perez ; Abby Vail ; Amy Walker
Subject: RE: SBA January 29, 2019 Cabinet Agenda and Meeting Material
Here is the updated file with Items 1 & 2, the transcripts for the November and December 2018 meetings.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: John Kuczwanski

Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 2:10 PM

To: Beaubien, Beau ; chris.spencer@laspbs.state.fl.us; leah.trilling@eog.myflorida.com

Cc: Ash Williams ; Kent Perez ; Abby Vail ; Amy Walker

Subject: SBA January 29, 2019 Cabinet Agenda and Meeting Material

Beau,

Attached, please find the SBA's agenda, and the complete agenda and meeting material for the January 29, 2019 Cabinet Meeting. Once we have access to the Transcripts for the November and December 2018 meetings, we will update the electronic file and include the backup material in the packets provided to your office.

Hard copies will be delivered to your offices later today or Tuesday.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

John

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From: [Sharona Whisler \(ZOA\)](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#); randy@voterandyfine.com
Subject: Fw: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel
Date: Friday, December 07, 2018 10:01:14 AM
Attachments: [pastedImage.png](#)
[ZOAinvitation-01 \(4\).png](#)

Hi Randy,

Any update on this? We definitely have bigger fish to fry with Airbnb, but I do want to get to the bottom of why Lorde wouldn't qualify for being added to the list of scrutinized companies.

Also, please see an invitation attached for ZOA Florida's first "Heroes for Israel" dinner on December 16th. I would love for you to attend! Please let me know if you can make it.

Warmly, Sharona



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From: Sharona Whisler (ZOA)

Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 11:23 AM

To: Randy Fine

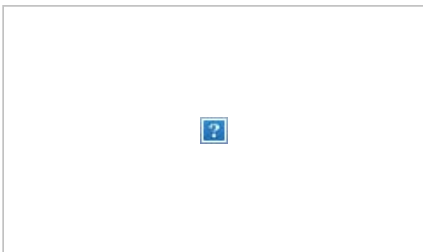
Cc: Randy.fine@myfloridahouse.gov

Subject: Re: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel

...and while we're at it, Airbnb should be held accountable for joining BDS. Not just a disgrace for joining an anti-Semitic movement, but it goes against their very mission of "creating a world where people can belong".

Thank you for your help with this and for all you do. Florida, Israel, and the Jewish People are lucky to have you in its corner!

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/254952>



'Airbnb disgracefully submitted to BDS' -
Israel National News

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Tourism Minister Yariv Levin demanded that the management of the Airbnb accommodations site cancel its decision to remove apartments in the Jewish communities of Judea and Samaria from the site ...

Sharona Whisler

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From: Randy Fine

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 9:37:05 PM

To: Sharona Whisler (ZOA)

Cc: Randy.fine@myfloridahouse.gov

Subject: Re: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel

I don't think this is right. I'll look into it

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 19, 2018, at 9:23 PM, Sharona Whisler (ZOA) <SWhisler@zoa.org> wrote:

Dear Representative Fine,

Congratulations on your re-election! I am re-sending this to get your insight about getting the singer Lorde's corporation added to the list of scrutinized companies. I'm forwarding the response from John Kuczwanski (of Florida's State Board of Administration).

Looking forward to hearing from you on this.

Warmly,

Sharona Whisler

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From: John Kuczwanski <John.Kuczwanski@sbafla.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 3:14 PM

To: Sharona Whisler (ZOA)

Cc: 'Joseph.Howard@myfloridahouse.gov'; Susan Tuchman (ZOA)

Subject: RE: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel

Ms. Whisler,

Thank you again for your correspondence concerning Florida's scrutinized list of companies that boycott Israel, and your information related to Lorde's corporation, Sackful of Squirrels Limited. I apologize that the review took longer than initially expected, but we wanted to ensure we contemplated all possible

scenarios for this company.

The directive to the SBA, with the specific requirements outlined in Florida Statute, confines our anti-BDS company list to companies in which the SBA has or could possibly have direct or indirect holdings. As such, Sackful of Squirrels Limited does not meet this criteria. However, we will continue to monitor this company for possible direct or indirect holding opportunities that would bring it under the purview of this statute.

We encourage you to continue to submitting information about companies that may be in violation of this prohibition, and follow the latest posting of this governance mandate at

<https://www.sbafla.com/fsb/FundsWeManage/FRSPensionPlan/GlobalGovernanceMandates.aspx>.

Again, thank you for your support of this worthwhile effort. If you have any questions, please let me know.

John

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From: John Kuczwanski

Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 3:24 PM

To: Sharona Whisler (ZOA) <SWhisler@zoa.org>

Cc: 'Joseph.Howard@myfloridahouse.gov' <Joseph.Howard@myfloridahouse.gov>; Susan Tuchman (ZOA) <STuchman@zoa.org>

Subject: RE: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel
Sharona,

Thank you for your email and your support of Florida's Anti-BDS law. I wanted to let you know that we received your emails, and I have asked our governance staff to look into this particular entity. I hope to have a response for you early next week as to the status of their efforts.

Again, thank you for providing this information.

John

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From: Sharona Whisler (ZOA)

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 9:44 AM

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Subject: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel

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Dear Mr. Kuczwanski,

I am writing on behalf of the Zionist Organization of America, one of the oldest pro-Israel organizations in the country committed to education and activism. A main focus of ZOA's work is combatting anti-Semitism and boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) efforts against Israel. I write today to submit for consideration, the corporate entity of New Zealand singer, Ella Yellich O'Connor, known by the stage name of "Lorde", to the list of "Scrutinized Companies Boycotting Israel". The name of the corporation she uses for her career as a musician, of which she is listed as the director, along with her father, Victor Peter O'Connor is "**Sackful of Squirrels Limited**".

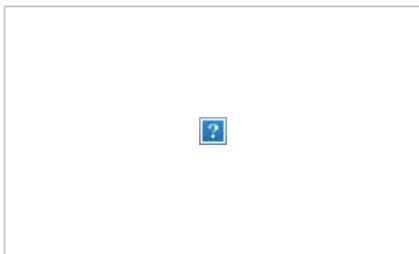
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New Zealand singer, Lorde, joined the anti-Israel boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement, announcing in December 2017 that she was canceling her concert in Tel Aviv amid pressure from BDS supporters. While Lorde refused to perform in Israel, she did not cancel her concerts in Russia or Indonesia, countries with well-established egregious human rights records. As part of this same tour, Lorde performed at two state-sponsored venues in Florida in April; the Tampa Sports Authority and the Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority.

Please see below for background commentary surrounding Lorde's decision to cancel her concert in Israel.

Excerpts from letter to Lorde that persuaded her to cancel her concert in Israel:

<https://thespinoff.co.nz/politics/21-12-2017/dear-lorde-heres-why-were-urging-you-not-to-play-israel/>



[Dear Lorde, here's why we're urging you not to play Israel ...](#)

thespinoff.co.nz

Opinion: Lorde has announced a concert in Tel Aviv for June. Jewish New Zealander Justine Sachs and Palestinian New Zealander Nadia Abu-Shanab make the case for her to reconsider. We're writing to you about your planned performance in Israel. We're two young women based in Aotearoa, one Jewish ...

"...Today, millions of people stand opposed to the Israeli government's policies of oppression, ethnic cleansing, human rights violations, occupation, and apartheid. As part of this struggle, we believe that an economic, intellectual and artistic boycott is an effective way of speaking out against these crimes. This worked very effectively against apartheid in South Africa, and we hope it can work again...."

"...The weeks prior to your tour announcement have been a difficult time for Palestinians. Particularly after the Trump administration's decision to move the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Since the 6th of December Israel has killed 11 Palestinians, injured 3000 and detained 350..."

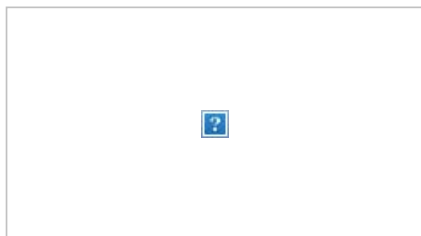
"In this context, a performance in Israel sends the wrong message. Playing in Tel Aviv will be seen as giving support to the policies of the Israeli government, even if you make no comment on the political situation. Such an effect cannot be undone by even the best intention and the best music. As Elvis Costello put it when he canceled his show in Israel, 'there are occasions when merely having your name added to a concert schedule may be interpreted as a political act that resonates more than anything that might be sung and it may be assumed that one has no mind for the suffering of the innocent.' We know this isn't you..."

"...Please join the artistic boycott of Israel, cancel your Israeli tour dates and make a stand..."

Lorde's response to letter via twitter:

"Noted! Been speaking w[ith] many people about this and considering all options. Thank [yo]u for educating me i am learning all the time too."

Lorde on Canceling her Tel Aviv concert: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-26/lorde-scraps-tel-aviv-concernt-amid-boycott-calls/9285314>



[Lorde scraps Tel Aviv concert amid pro-Palestinian calls ...](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-26/lorde-scraps-tel-aviv-concernt-amid-boycott-calls/9285314)

www.abc.net.au

New Zealand singer-songwriter Lorde has cancelled a planned performance in Israel after appeals by pro-Palestinian activists. The music star said in a statement that "the right decision at this time" was to cancel her June 2018 concert in Tel Aviv, which was announced earlier this month. Her ...

"The music star said in a statement that 'the right decision at this time' was to cancel her June 2018 concert in Tel Aviv, which was announced earlier this month. Her announcement followed calls by proponents of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement to cancel her performance over Israel's human rights record. "...Lorde, whose real name is Ella Yelich-O'Connor, said after having 'lots of discussions' about the matter, 'I'm not too proud to admit I didn't make the right call on this one,' referring to her initial decision to hold the concert. Lorde's cancellation was welcomed by members of the BDS movement..."

Response from the Israeli concert promoter regarding Lorde's cancellation:

<https://www.cnn.com/2017/12/25/entertainment/lorde-concert-israel/index.html>



[Boycott movement against Israel
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Grammy-award winning artist Lorde has canceled a scheduled concert in Tel Aviv following activists' calls for her to join the growing boycott, divestment and ...

"...Eran Arielli, owner and founder of concert organizer Naranjah, which promoted the June show, confirmed the cancellation on Sunday.

"The truth is that I was naive to think that an artist of her age can withstand the pressure involved in coming to Israel, and I take full responsibility and ask the forgiveness of fans, admirers, and other dreamers," [Arielli wrote on Facebook.](#)"

Sincerely,

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Zionist Organization of America

Executive Director, Florida Chapter

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"I am a Zionist...I take pride in the resilience and determination of those who turned the dream of a Jewish State in Israel into a reality. They are my role models. I will never take it for granted. I am committed to activism to ensure our freedom in the Holy Land will never be a dream again."

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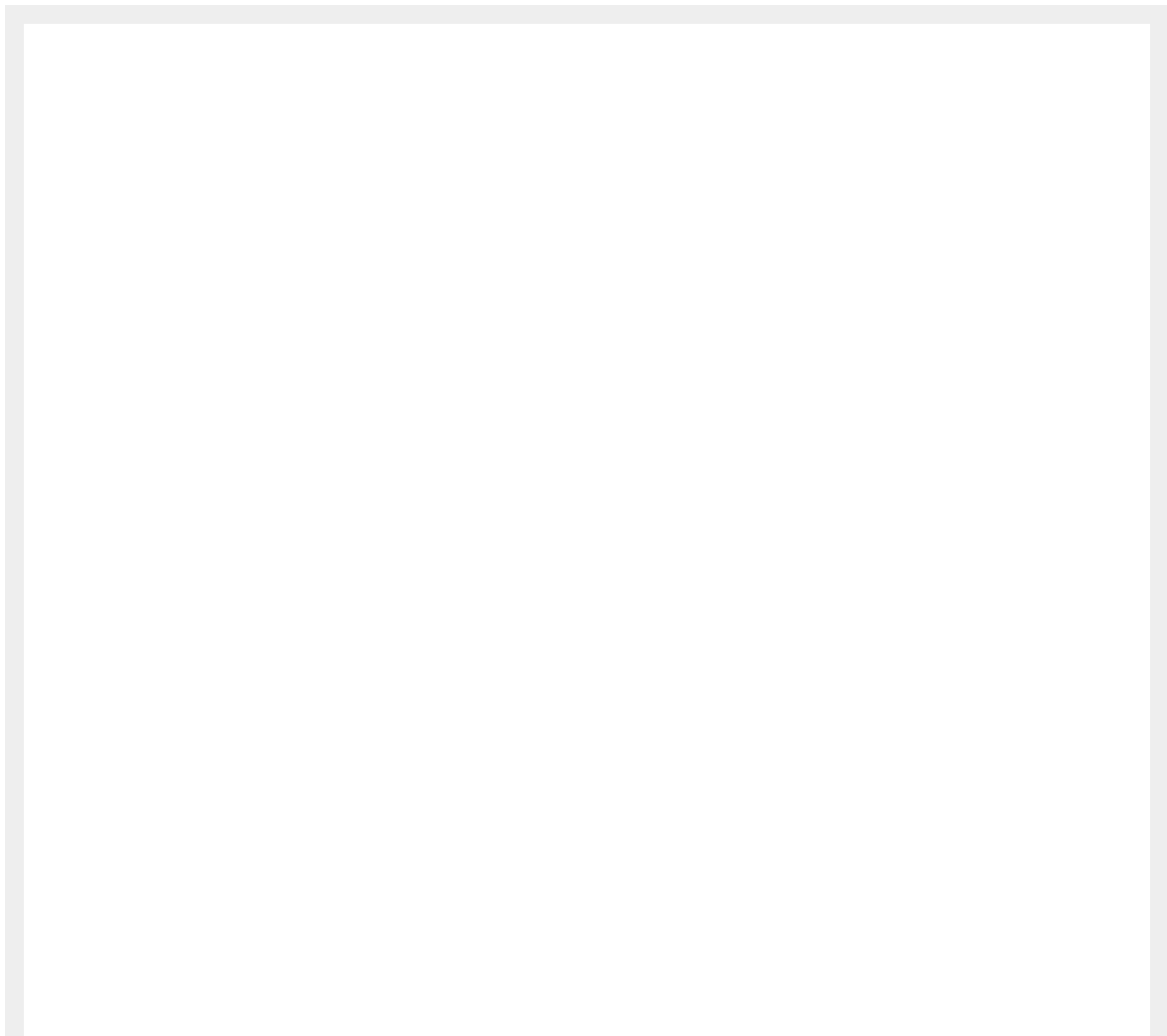
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Date: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 4:17:27 PM

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Subject: VICTORY IN AIRBNB LITIGATION!
Reply-To: Nitsana Darshan-Leitner <Info@israellawcenter.org>



VICTORY IN AIRBNB LITIGATION!

AIRBNB rescinded its decision & settles lawsuit: It will return the listings of Jewish homeowners in Judea and Samaria to the site

This dramatic announcement comes in the wake of negotiations between the Shurat HaDin Law Center and AIRBNB in recent weeks to rescind the company's decision to delist the properties of Jewish homeowners in Judea and Samaria and as result of a federal lawsuit filed by the Shurat HaDin organization against the AIRBNB on behalf of Israeli-American homeowners

Shurat HaDin Law Center: "This is a powerful defeat for the anti-Israel boycott movement. Other international companies need to learn lessons."

Dear Friends,

We just scored a tremendous victory in the lawsuit we launched

against Airbnb! The online hosting platform has agreed to completely retract its policy of delisting Jewish homes in Judea & Samaria. This is an important and precedential decision in the battle against the racist BDS movement.

Over the past few weeks we have been negotiating a [settlement agreement](#) with the hospitality giant Airbnb to rescind its discriminatory policy redlining Jewish-owned properties in the Judea and Samaria region. That policy, announced in November 2018, had banned Jewish property owners in Judea and Samaria from listing properties on Airbnb, while allowing Muslim and Christian property owners to list properties in the same area. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, Airbnb has agreed to repeal the discriminatory policy, thereby resolving the discrimination lawsuit.

The plaintiffs, a group of twelve Jewish American families had filed a civil rights lawsuit against Airbnb in the United States Federal District Court for the District of Delaware. The lawsuit was captioned *Sliber, et al. v. Airbnb*, 1:18-cv-01884-RGA. The lawsuit was brought in Delaware because Airbnb is incorporated in Delaware. In their lawsuit, the plaintiffs alleged that the policy of the San Francisco-based internet hospitality company discriminated against them based upon their religion.

Our lawsuit was filed under the Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, ("FHA") 42 U.S.C. § 3601, *et seq.*, a federal statute which safeguards against discrimination in the housing sales and rental markets. While the properties were located in Judea and Samaria, the plaintiffs alleged that the discrimination was being committed by Airbnb, which is located in the United States and is bound to follow federal policies of non-discrimination wherever it operates in the world. The plaintiffs asked that the court enjoin Airbnb from discriminatory practices against Jewish homeowners and sought compensation for any lost rental income from Airbnb.

The lawsuit had been spearheaded by the Israeli human rights law organization Shurat HaDin-Israel Law Center in Israel. The families were represented in the litigation by New York attorney Robert J. Tolchin, Esq., Delaware counsel David Eagle, Esq., of Wilmington, Delaware and myself.

When Airbnb publicly announced its redlining policy barring rentals of Jewish-owned properties in November, it stated it would no longer agree to list these homes due to claims that such properties are located in Palestinian-owned territories illegally occupied by Israeli settlers. The plaintiff homeowners, however, dispute that contention and contend that all the properties are legal. Further, the plaintiffs asserted that Airbnb had succumbed to pressure from the extremist Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (“BDS”) propaganda movement which seeks to delegitimize Israel and challenges its right to exist.

Under the [settlement agreement](#), Airbnb has agreed to adopt a neutral policy towards all properties in the region, allowing all homeowners to list their houses for rental on its web platform regardless of their religion, race or national origin.

The policy Airbnb announced last November was abject discrimination against Jewish users of the website. The rescinding of Airbnb's discriminatory policy is, thus, a powerful defeat for the anti-Israel boycott movement. BDS is an anti-Semitic campaign which purports to care about human rights but whose real goal is to completely replace the Jewish State with a Palestinian one. Other international companies need to learn the lessons from Airbnb's mistake and understand that boycotting Israel and discriminating against Jews are unlawful acts which will ultimately result in dire legal consequences, public condemnations, and embarrassment. No outside party can decide for Israel what its legitimate borders will be or where Jews will be permitted to live.

May we go from strength to strength,



Nitsana Darshan-Leitner
President of Shurat-HaDin

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Subject: Fwd: What side is your Florida State Representative on? Israel or Airbnb?
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:56:15 AM
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Is this real? Why is this even being considered given Airbnb's despicable actions? Besides being a menace to my mom's community, Airbnb is an anti-Semitic, leftist company that hates Republicans and Christians. This is insane! Vote no!

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Date: Mon, Mar 25, 2019 at 6:25 PM
Subject: What side is your Florida State Representative on? Israel or Airbnb?



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OR Sweetheart Deal For Anti-Semitic Airbnb?

Airbnb's anti-Semitic action in Israel was an attack on religious freedom and insult to those of Christian faith. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis displayed strong leadership in condemning Airbnb's action and pursuing sanctions against the company, but some Florida legislators are trying to hand Airbnb a sweetheart deal by removing all local regulations put in place to protect neighborhoods from the negative impacts of Airbnb's short-term rentals and continue to allow Airbnb to operate under a "voluntary" tax agreement giving them special tax treatment not offered to any other business in America. Airbnb is in bed with anti-Israel extremists who oppose our values and believe in religious

tests to do business. Airbnb should not get a sweetheart deal while discriminating against people of faith. It is urgent that the Florida lawmakers stand with Israel and hold Airbnb accountable, and oppose House Bill 987— sponsored by State Representative James Grant, but written by Airbnb's high-powered lobbyists in Tallahassee. [WHAT SIDE IS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE ON?](#)

AIRBNB'S HOUSE BILL 987 – SPONSORED BY REP. JAMES GRANT		
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From: [Manny Mencia](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: [Selma Fates](#)
Subject: Governor's Mission to Israel - May 25-31, 2019
Date: Tuesday, April 02, 2019 8:32:37 PM
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Good afternoon,

On behalf of Governor Ron DeSantis, I would like to extend a personal invitation for you to participate in a high level Governor's Mission to Israel that he will be leading May 25-31, 2019. Please find attached more information and below the registration link.

[Governor's Business Development mission to Israel](#)

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Cc: [Christopher Munoz](#); [Judy Rebollar](#)
Subject: Governor's Mission to Israel, May 25-31, 2019
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019 3:28:06 PM
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Dear Mission Participants:

We look forward to welcoming you in Tel Aviv for the upcoming Governor's Mission to Israel, May 25-31, 2019.

Following are four important items for you to note:

- If you haven't already done so, please reach out to Chesi Stanfield at Express Travel to confirm your travel arrangements cstanfield@expresstravelus.com or 305-341-1200 ext. 222.
- Attached is a draft agenda. Please note that it is a draft document subject to change.
- The list of participants is attached, kindly review this document and let us know if corrections are needed.
- If you would like to invite **two** business partners based in Israel to the Ambassador's reception on Tuesday, May 28th, kindly submit their names, titles, companies, emails and phone numbers to us for U.S. Embassy approval before **Friday, April 19th**.

Should you have any questions as you prepare for your trip, feel free to contact us if you need further assistance.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: ICYMI - Randy Fine Says State, Counties Must Cut Contractual Ties with Airbnb
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 3:46:35 PM

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AirbnbWATCH is a project bringing together a collection of organizations dedicated to a common goal: Protecting communities and travelers.



In Case You Missed It

[Randy Fine Says State, Counties Must Cut Contractual Ties with Airbnb](#), Florida Politics

Airbnb's agreements to collect tourist taxes for counties and the state could be in jeopardy.

Now that Florida has essentially blacklisted the vacation rental home marketing giant Airbnb over its business policy in Israel's West Bank territories, the state and counties may have to cancel contracts with the company, including those that have Airbnb collecting taxes on behalf of its host property owners, state Rep. Randy Fine said Friday.

Fine, a Brevard County Republican, said there now is far more to the listing of a company as "scrutinized" over Israel boycotts than the symbolic business condemnation that Florida issued Friday morning. That is thanks to his House Bill 545, which was passed and signed into law last year. That bill, now included in Chapter 287 of the Florida Statutes, forbids the state and local governments from doing any business with such scrutinized companies, he said.

"It's a big deal," Fine said. "I've spoken with the governor's office and the attorney general's office. They're aware of the provisions of the bill. Partly, we're in uncharted terrain."

It means the Florida Department of Revenue and at least 40 counties and municipalities, including Miami-Dade, Broward, Orange, Hillsborough, Pinellas,

Osceola and Fine's Brevard, may have to determine if they must cancel agreements with Airbnb. Those pacts have the company acting as tax collector for state sales taxes and local tourist development taxes from tens of thousands of individual property owners who list their vacation rental homes on the Airbnb internet marketing platform.

The law doesn't directly apply to any agreements that date to before 2016. Those are grandfathered in; however, they cannot be renewed as long as long as Florida lists Airbnb as scrutinized.

The state's agreement between Airbnb and the Department of Revenue dates to 2015 for collection of sales taxes owed by vacation rental home owners. The agreement does not have an expiration date. But it does includes a clause allowing the state to cancel the pact for any reason, with 90 days written notice after the end of the current fiscal quarter. That means that if Gov. Ron DeSantis wants to cancel it, he can do so effective July 1.

DeSantis made clear Friday that he would prefer to see Airbnb change its policy toward Israel before the state takes any more actions. The provisions in Fine's bill may have given him far more leverage in that demand. At the same time, Florida has something to lose too.

The tax collection program has been hugely popular for many counties and the state because it means they deal with only one source for tax payments, the company, rather than thousands of property owners each filing individual tax returns. It's also a popular program for many vacation rental home owners who list on Airbnb because they don't have to mess with the taxes themselves; Airbnb collects them automatically, much as a store cashier collects sales taxes, and does the tax paperwork for them.

On Tuesday morning the Florida Board of Administration, which is DeSantis, Moody, and Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, voted unanimously to make Airbnb the first American firm on Florida's "anti-Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement" scrutinized list. That action was taken in response to Airbnb's corporate decision, rolled out in November, to stop listing vacation rental homes owned by Jewish Israelis in the West Bank territories, while still accepting listings from Arab Israelis in the West Bank.

The company's policy was declared, by DeSantis and others at the meeting, to be a de facto boycott against Israel, in violation of Florida law that requires the state to list, as scrutinized, any companies found to be participating in the BDS movement, which many argue has roots and backing in antisemitism.

Airbnb has repeatedly and vigorously denied it is participating in the BDS movement, or that it is being discriminatory toward Israel, contending that it still has 20,000 host properties in Israel, just not any Jewish-owned properties on the West Bank. After the Florida board listed Airbnb as scrutinized on Friday, the company issued a statement that read, in part, "We unequivocally reject and oppose the BDS movement and are disappointed by today's vote."

The official effect of Florida's listing is to ban any state investments in scrutinized companies. With Airbnb that was widely seen as a symbolic sanction, because the company is privately held, so the state can't invest in it anyway. That status could be changing soon, as Airbnb reportedly announced it may be heading toward an initial public offering this year.

Fine's bill, now law, adds the new impact: no Florida agency or local government can

do business with Airbnb, and those already doing business, including through the tax collection contracts signed since 2016, must each determine if they need to terminate the deals. The law also would make Airbnb ineligible to enter any more such agreements or contracts in Florida, a blow to its goal of expanding its list of partner counties and cities.

Airbnb referred inquiries about the law to state officials Friday afternoon.

"If Airbnb wants to blow up their business, that's their prerogative. But we have laws and they have to be followed," Fine said. "Look, the investment side is symbolic because they don't have any securities to invest in. But the law was very clear that you can't do business with them. And there's no grace period."

The law reads, in part: "Any contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of any amount entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2018, must contain a provision that allows for the termination of such contract at the option of the awarding body if the company is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel."

Just Monday, Airbnb announced its collection of taxes for Florida and local governments nearly doubled in 2018 to \$89.5 million. That included \$62.5 million in sales tax sent to the Florida Department of Revenue in 2018, up from \$33 million in 2017. The company reported collecting a combined \$27 million in local tourist development taxes, also known as bed taxes, in 2018. That's up from \$12.7 million the previous year.

Read the full article [here](#).

About Us

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Dear Randy and Eli,

Since Representative Fine will be part of Governor DeSantis' mission to Israel, I want to introduce you to each other so you will be sure to meet in Israel.

Rep. Fine is a champion for cleaning up the lagoons and water in his district, while leading the charge in the Florida legislature for strong anti-bds legislation, Jewish school security and legislation to strengthen laws against anti-semitism. You can learn more on Facebook at Randy Fine.

Eli is the head of Ayala Water and Ecology using "Natural Biological System™, a sustainable natural technology for treating sewage and waste streams, rehabilitating affected water bodies and rebalancing watersheds". His work has extended to projects around the world include India and Chile. I can personally attest to the beauty of the restored Yarkon River in Tel Aviv, which Eli headed up. You can learn more about his work at <http://www.ayala-aqua.com/>

I am hoping that you will meet while we are in Israel May 25 –May 31. Commissioner Nikki Fried may be visiting as well so perhaps you can coordinate your visit. Please let me know if I can help facilitate your meeting.

With blessings,

Mimi

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Dear Representative Fine

I am referred to you by Carlos Lopez-Cantara who spoke last year at this event. Please see the below email sent to Governor DeSantis. I am wondering whether you might consider helping with this request. Please give me a call at your convenience to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

Craig Weiner
President
Holocaust Learning and Education Fund, Inc.
www.Holocausteducationfund.com

Dear Governor DeSantis

Each year in the month of March, on the campus of Nova Southeastern University, an annual awards ceremony is held to honor those students and teachers from around Florida that are selected as winners of the statewide Holocaust Reflection Contest. The awards are issued to those Florida students and teachers that are selected for superior projects in art, essay or film depicting how their Holocaust education has impacted them personally to be better, more caring people in standing up against ALL forms of hate and intolerance. Surely you are aware of the bullying problems in our schools. Through our work and various programs, we strive to teach young people the importance of standing up against bullying and prejudice.

This important ceremony is attended by the President and senior administration of NSU, the Consuls General of Israel and Germany, Holocaust survivors, school system officials, and usually someone from the State. Last year Lt. Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantara spoke at the event. The media usually cover this event as well.

We would be very honored if you would consider attending as our new Governor. The event will be held on Sunday March 17 at 10:00 a.m. on the campus of NSU and conclude by 12:00 noon.

Hoping that you would consider honoring those Florida teachers and students by your attendance.

Respectfully,

Craig R. Weiner
President
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From: [Scott Piro](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#); [Budko, Anna](#)
Subject: New resource for Rep. Fine's writing/speaking, re: antisemitism and Israel
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Hi, Representative Fine and Ms. Budko –

Rep. Fine, thank you for your work on the recent antisemitism bill in the Florida House!

I am strategic communications director for The Focus Project, a joint initiative from a broad coalition of North American Jewish community organizations, including the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, StandWithUs and The Israel Project.

The Focus Project develops and distributes weekly talking points on timely issues regarding antisemitism and de-legitimization of Israel. You should consider them a consensus view across an extensive spectrum of North America's Jewish community.

I believe our talking points could be useful for your messaging on these issues. Please let me know if I have your permission to begin sending them to you or Anna.

They will come from our info@focus-project.org address. You may wish to add that address to your contacts list or address book to prevent our weekly emails from being sent to your spam or junk folder.

Thanks very much.

Regards,

Scott

Scott Piro | Director of Strategic Communications



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From: [Louis Orloff](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Orloff and Condo Fund Investing for growth
Date: Saturday, April 06, 2019 1:23:14 PM

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Congressman:

Thank you for your time last week. It was very interesting meeting with you AND watching you in action taking on a committee. (Newspaper Advertising)

Everyone has told me that I was not going to get this through in one session but I am not going to count to 2 just yet.

Needless to say, the associations need to make more money on their savings.

As a Trustee of the Tampa Orlando Pinellas Jewish Foundation we use this exact strategy to grow charitable funds – we do not lose peoples' money!

And invested as does the SBA with the Pension Fund.

I hope you had a great trip to see POTUS et.al.

I will be on El AL.

So far FIBA has brought 27 companies to the Tampa Bay area and I will be looking for more while in Israel.

Regards,

Louis Orloff

727-492-4690

From: [eli cohen](#)
To: [Jankovits, Mimi](#)
Cc: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Re: Introduction for upcoming trip to Israel
Date: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 10:03:40 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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Dear Mimi, Thanks much for this introduction !

Dear Randy,

It is a great pleasure to be introduced to you !

It seems like your hands are full with good causes,

from the little i received and from former experience i believe we can be for help at your annoying task in the Lagoons and beaches. As you must know nature is responding and reacting to human acts and our expertise is exactly that: understanding the ecological problem and source and solving it in the same natural manner.

Please let me know how can we discuss it and hopefully helping in solving it

Best regards

Eli

Ayala

On Tue, Apr 9, 2019 at 12:26 AM Jankovits, Mimi <mimij@teachcoalition.org> wrote:

Dear Randy and Eli,

Since Representative Fine will be part of Governor DeSantis' mission to Israel, I want to introduce you to each other so you will be sure to meet in Israel.

Rep. Fine is a champion for cleaning up the lagoons and water in his district, while leading the charge in the Florida legislature for strong anti-bds legislation, Jewish school security and legislation to strengthen laws against anti-semitism. You can learn more on Facebook at Randy Fine.

Eli is the head of Ayala Water and Ecology using “ Natural Biological System™, a sustainable natural technology for treating sewage and waste streams, rehabilitating affected water bodies and rebalancing watersheds”. His work has extended to projects around the world include India and Chile. I can personally attest to the beauty of the restored Yarkon River in Tel Aviv, which Eli headed up. You can learn more about his work at <http://www.ayala-aqua.com/>

I am hoping that you will meet while we are in Israel May 25 –May 31. Commissioner Nikki Fried may be visiting as well so perhaps you can coordinate your visit. Please let me know if I can help facilitate your meeting.

With blessings,

Mimi

Mimi Baron Jankovits

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From: [Scott Piro](#)
To: [Budko, Anna](#); [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: RE: New resource for Rep. Fine's writing/speaking, re: antisemitism and Israel
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019 2:09:20 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Very clever closing, Anna. I bet that is fun to write.

Fantastic – thank you so much! Shall I add only your email address, or both yours and Representative Fine's?

I'm going to send this week's under separate cover. Our subject line is always the same: "FOCUS: [issue]." We publish on Tuesday afternoons.

It will come from my personal email address, but starting next week you'll get them from info@focus-project.org. You might need to [take steps](#) to prevent us from going into your spam/junk folder, such as adding that email address to your contacts list or address book. Gmail users sometimes find our emails go into their "Promotions" tab at the top of their inbox. If you drag and drop one of our messages into your "Primary" tab, that will solve the issue.

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We welcome your feedback. If you see omissions or disagree with anything we include, please drop me a line or let's speak. We've been distributing talking points since 2017. Let me know if you'd also like a spreadsheet of our past editions.

You are welcome to share the points with others. As we roll out, we're trying to limit distribution to: (a) people who are solidly pro-Israel, (b) people based in North America, or who have a large North American following, and (c) are some kind of influencer. Examples:

- Community leaders – Jewish and allies
- Social media superstars – Twitter, Instagram, Facebook group/page admins
- Clergy and other public speakers
- Journalists, bloggers
- Campus leaders

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1. Share this signup form with them: bit.ly/joinFocusProject
2. Forward them one of our weekly emails * personalize the subject line * write a brief intro note/recommendation at the top of the message * :cc me * Here is a brief statement about us you may wish to include:

The Focus Project is a joint initiative of the Anti-Defamation League, the Conference of Presidents, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, StandWithUs and The Israel Project. The Focus Project develops and distributes weekly talking points on timely issues to help influencers and organizations in their efforts to combat antisemitism and de-legitimization of Israel. The objective is to enable the community to speak with more consistency and focus, so that its messaging has greater resonance and reach with the general public.

Thanks so much for your help, Anna!

Regards,

Scott

Scott Piro | Director of Strategic Communications



spiro@focus-project.org

212.885.5897

From: Budko, Anna

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 1:00 PM

To: Scott Piro ; Fine, Randy

Subject: RE: New resource for Rep. Fine's writing/speaking, re: antisemitism and Israel

Yes, sure, sign us up.



Thank you and have a Fine day,

Anna Budko

Legislative Assistant

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From: Scott Piro <spiro@focus-project.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 5:24 PM

To: Fine, Randy <Randy.Fine@myfloridahouse.gov>; Budko, Anna

<Anna.Budko@myfloridahouse.gov>

Subject: New resource for Rep. Fine's writing/speaking, re: antisemitism and Israel

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Hi, Representative Fine and Ms. Budko –

Rep. Fine, thank you for your work on the recent antisemitism bill in the Florida House!

I am strategic communications director for The Focus Project, a joint initiative from a broad coalition of North American Jewish community organizations, including the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, StandWithUs and The Israel Project.

The Focus Project develops and distributes weekly talking points on timely issues regarding antisemitism and de-legitimization of Israel. You should consider them a consensus view across an extensive spectrum of North America's Jewish community.

I believe our talking points could be useful for your messaging on these issues. Please let me know if I have your permission to begin sending them to you or Anna.

They will come from our info@focus-project.org address. You may wish to add that address to your contacts list or address book to prevent our weekly emails from being sent to your spam or junk folder.

Thanks very much.

Regards,

Scott

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From: [Fine, Randy](#)
To: [Lemongello, Steven](#)
Subject: RE: Orlando Sentinel Q - Facebook comments
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 12:04:20 PM

Feel free to send over your questions and I'll take a look. I'm assuming you are talking about the anti-Israel/BDS rally held by the Brevard Democrat Progressive Alliance club?

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From: [Lemongello, Steven](#)
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 11:21 AM
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Orlando Sentinel Q - Facebook comments

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I wanted to talk to you today about the Facebook post and comments regarding the Israeli-Palestine event, in which you called a commenter a "Judenrat" and questioned his Jewish identity. Would you be able to talk today?

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From: [Lemongello, Steven](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: RE: Orlando Sentinel Q - Facebook comments
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 12:13:36 PM

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[Would we not be able to have a discussion on the phone about this today?](#)

From: Fine, Randy [mailto:Randy.Fine@myfloridahouse.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Lemongello, Steven
Subject: RE: Orlando Sentinel Q - Facebook comments

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From: [Kent Perez](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#); [John Kuczwanski](#)
Cc: [Ash Williams](#); [Mike McCauley](#); [Abby Vail](#); [Amy Walker](#)
Subject: RE: SBA January 29, 2019 Cabinet Agenda and Meeting Material
Date: Friday, January 18, 2019 5:52:36 PM

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Representative Fine, Thank you. The item submitted for Trustees action on the meeting of the 29th provides an update regarding Anti-BDS Israel and makes a recommendation that the company be added to the Scrutinized List. If that recommendation is approved by the Trustees, the company will at that time be placed on the list and the 90 day period begins. Please reach out if we can assist further. Have a great weekend.

-----Original Message-----

From: Fine, Randy <Randy.Fine@myfloridahouse.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 5:24 PM
To: John Kuczwanski <John.Kuczwanski@sbafla.com>
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> Airbnb provided additional information for consideration on Thursday, January 17, which is included as Item 3B. However, the recommendation to include them on the scrutinized list remains at this time. If the Trustees vote to include them on the scrutinized list, the SBA will send Airbnb a formal letter notifying them of the decisions which starts a formal 90 day period in which the company has the opportunity to clarify its activities regarding the boycott or cease its activities in order to avoid qualifying for investment prohibition.
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> We will keep your office abreast of our efforts, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.
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From: [Sharona Whisler](#)
To: [Randy Fine](#)
Cc: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Re: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 11:30:43 PM

Thank you!

On Mon, Nov 19, 2018, 9:37 PM Randy Fine <randy@voterandyfine.com> wrote:

I don't think this is right. I'll look into it

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 19, 2018, at 9:23 PM, Sharona Whisler (ZOA) <SWhisler@zoa.org> wrote:

Dear Representative Fine,

Congratulations on your re-election! I am re-sending this to get your insight about getting the singer Lorde's corporation added to the list of scrutinized companies. I'm forwarding the response from John Kuczwanski (of Florida's State Board of Administration).

Looking forward to hearing from you on this.

Warmly,

Sharona Whisler
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From: John Kuczwanski <John.Kuczwanski@sbafla.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 3:14 PM

To: Sharona Whisler (ZOA)

Cc: 'Joseph.Howard@myfloridahouse.gov'; Susan Tuchman (ZOA)

Subject: RE: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel

Ms. Whisler,

Thank you again for your correspondence concerning Florida's scrutinized list of companies that boycott Israel, and your information related to Lorde's corporation, Sackful of Squirrels Limited. I apologize that the review took longer than initially expected, but we wanted to ensure we contemplated all possible scenarios for this company.

The directive to the SBA, with the specific requirements outlined in Florida Statute, confines our anti-BDS company list to companies in which the SBA has or could possibly have direct or indirect holdings. As such, Sackful of Squirrels Limited does not meet this criteria. However, we will continue to monitor this company for possible direct or indirect holding opportunities that would bring it under the purview of this statute.

We encourage you to continue to submitting information about companies that may be in violation of this prohibition, and follow the latest posting of this governance mandate at <https://www.sbafla.com/fsb/FundsWeManage/FRSPensionPlan/GlobalGovernanceMandates.aspx>.

Again, thank you for your support of this worthwhile effort. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Subject: RE: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel

Sharona,

Thank you for your email and your support of Florida's Anti-BDS law. I wanted to let you know that we received your emails, and I have asked our governance staff to look into this particular entity. I hope to have a response for you early next week as to the status of their efforts.

Again, thank you for providing this information.

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<https://app.companiesoffice.govt.nz/companies/app/ui/pages/companies/4628419/detail>

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To: [Randy Fine](#)
Cc: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Re: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 11:23:27 AM

...and while we're at it, Airbnb should be held accountable for joining BDS. Not just a disgrace for joining an anti-Semitic movement, but it goes against their very mission of "creating a world where people can belong".

Thank you for your help with this and for all you do. Florida, Israel, and the Jewish People are lucky to have you in its corner!

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/254952>



'Airbnb disgracefully submitted to BDS' - Israel National News

www.israelnationalnews.com

Tourism Minister Yariv Levin demanded that the management of the Airbnb accommodations site cancel its decision to remove apartments in the Jewish communities of Judea and Samaria from the site ...

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From: Randy Fine
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 9:37:05 PM
To: Sharona Whisler (ZOA)
Cc: Randy.fine@myfloridahouse.gov
Subject: Re: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel
I don't think this is right. I'll look into it

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 19, 2018, at 9:23 PM, Sharona Whisler (ZOA) <SWhisler@zoa.org> wrote:

Dear Representative Fine,

Congratulations on your re-election! I am re-sending this to get your insight about getting the singer Lorde's corporation added to the list of scrutinized companies. I'm forwarding the response from John Kuczwanski (of Florida's State Board of Administration).

Looking forward to hearing from you on this.

Warmly,

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From: John Kuczwanski <John.Kuczwanski@sbafla.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 3:14 PM

To: Sharona Whisler (ZOA)

Cc: 'Joseph.Howard@myfloridahouse.gov'; Susan Tuchman (ZOA)

Subject: RE: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel
Ms. Whisler,

Thank you again for your correspondence concerning Florida's scrutinized list of companies that boycott Israel, and your information related to Lorde's corporation, Sackful of Squirrels Limited. I apologize that the review took longer than initially expected, but we wanted to ensure we contemplated all possible scenarios for this company.

The directive to the SBA, with the specific requirements outlined in Florida Statute, confines our anti-BDS company list to companies in which the SBA has or could possibly have direct or indirect holdings. As such, Sackful of Squirrels Limited does not meet this criteria. However, we will continue to monitor this company for possible direct or indirect holding opportunities that would bring it under the purview of this statute.

We encourage you to continue to submitting information about companies that may be in violation of this prohibition, and follow the latest posting of this governance mandate at

<https://www.sbafla.com/fsb/FundsWeManage/FRSPensionPlan/GlobalGovernanceMandates.aspx>.

Again, thank you for your support of this worthwhile effort. If you have any questions, please let me know.

John

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From: John Kuczwanski

Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 3:24 PM

To: Sharona Whisler (ZOA) <SWhisler@zoa.org>

Cc: 'Joseph.Howard@myfloridahouse.gov' <Joseph.Howard@myfloridahouse.gov>; Susan Tuchman (ZOA) <STuchman@zoa.org>

Subject: RE: submitting corporation to be added to list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel
Sharona,

Thank you for your email and your support of Florida's Anti-BDS law. I wanted to let you know that we received your emails, and I have asked our governance staff to look into this particular entity. I hope to have a response for you early next week as to the status of their efforts.

Again, thank you for providing this information.

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Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 9:44 AM

To: John Kuczwanski

Cc: 'Joseph.Howard@myfloridahouse.gov' ; Susan Tuchman (ZOA)

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To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Registration Confirmed - Governor's Business Development Mission to Israel 2019
Date: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 12:39:47 PM

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Dear Randy,

Your registration has been confirmed for the Governor's Business Development Mission to Israel 2019. Please save this email for future reference.

Event Information

Event: Governor's Business Development Mission to Israel 2019

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019 to Friday, May 31, 2019

Location: Tel Aviv & Jerusalem, Israel

Contact Information

Contact Name: Randy Fine

Title: State Representative

Company: Florida House Of Representatives

Email: Randy.Fine@myfloridahouse.gov

Tel: 321-409-2017

Registration Information

Confirmation Number: NFNS8KLVM34

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Randy Fine	Delegate Registration
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09-Apr-2019 12:39 PM ET	offline order	\$1000.00	\$0.00	\$1000.00

We look forward to working with you. Check your email regularly for event updates!

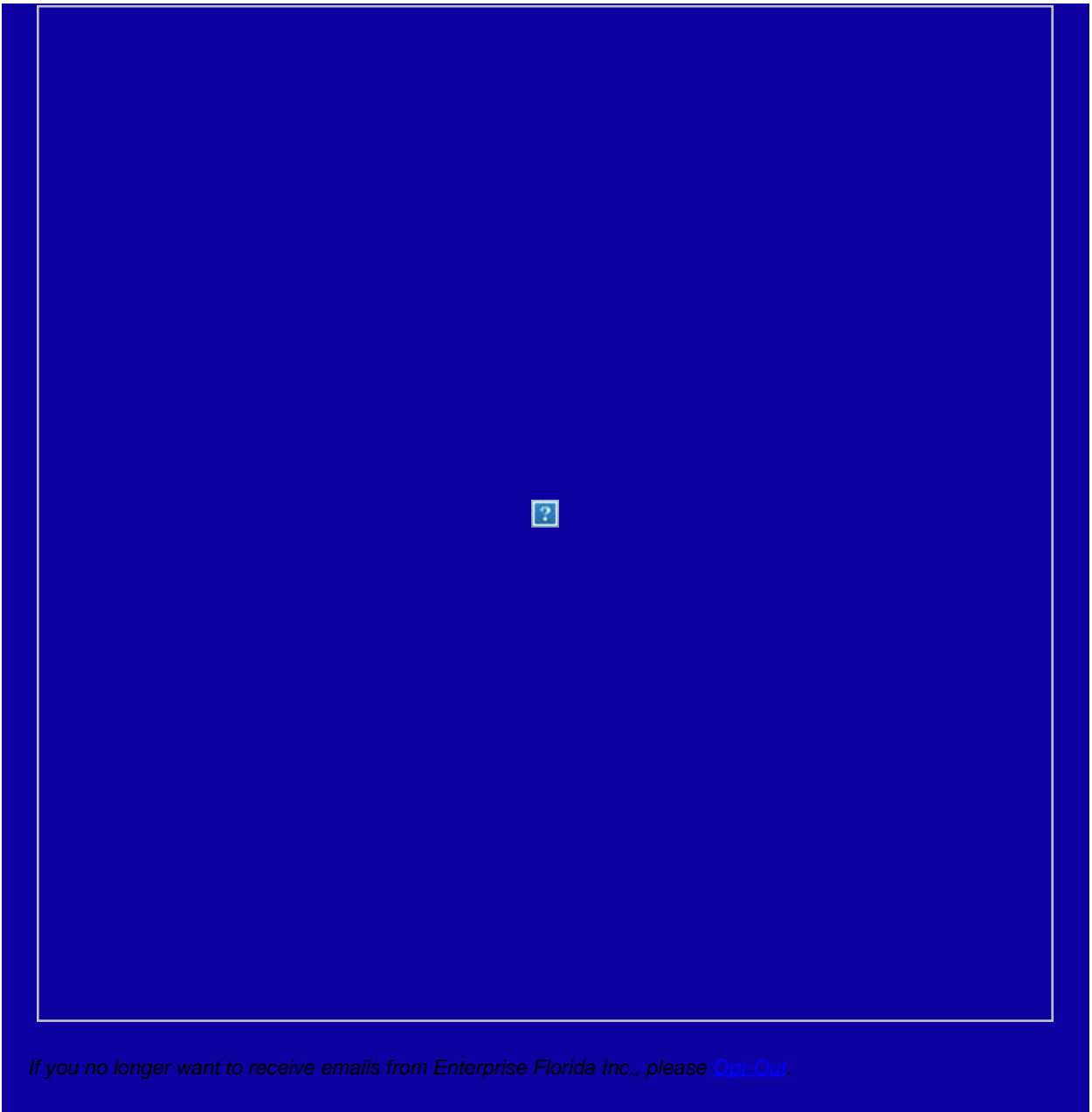
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Sincerely,

Selma Fates

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Dear Randy,

Thank you for submitting your registration for the Governor's Business Development Mission to Israel 2019. Your registration is currently under review. You will receive a follow-up email once the registration has been approved and confirmed. Upon confirmation, the credit card payment will be processed.

Contact Information

Contact Name: **Randy Fine**

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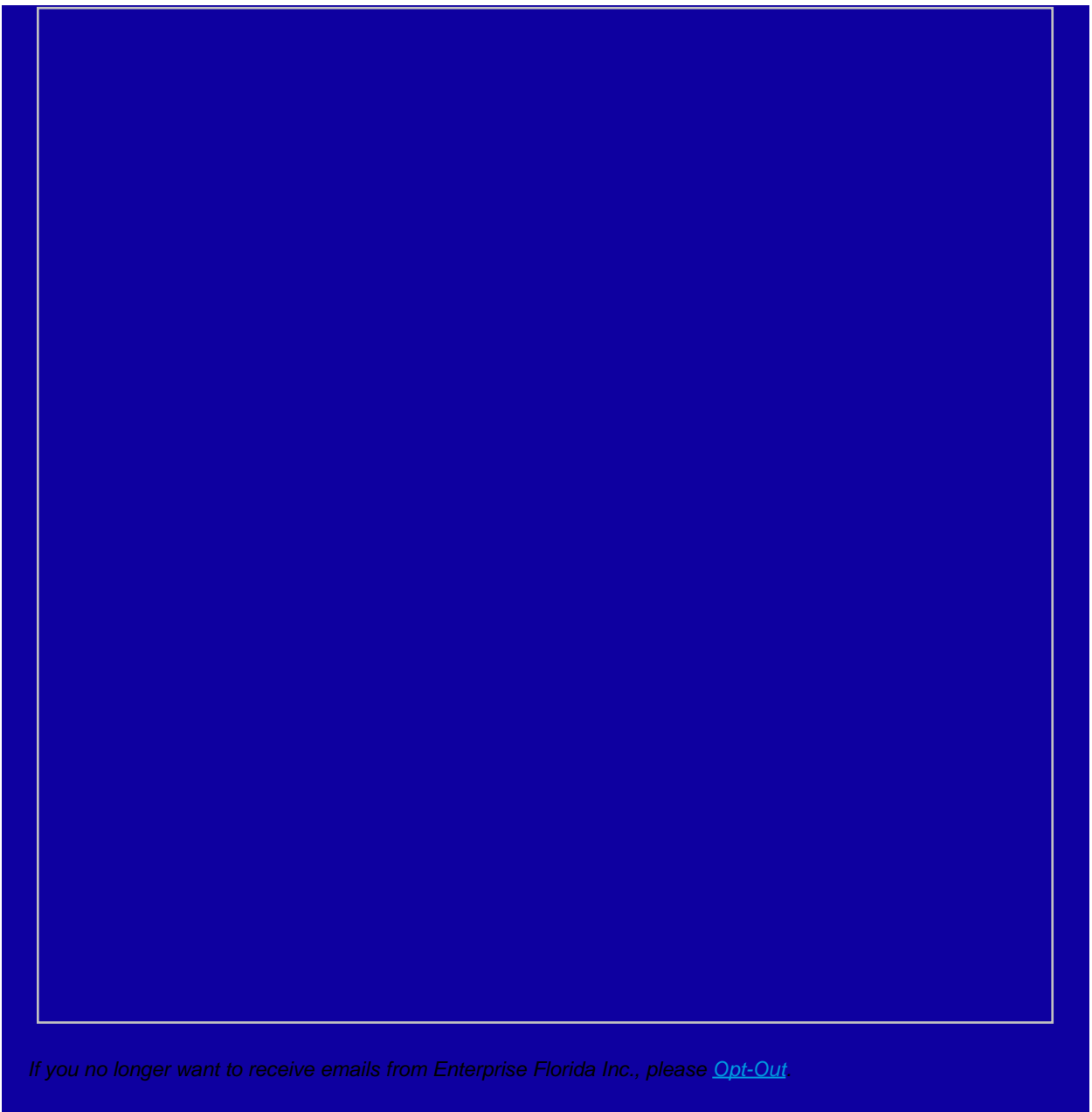
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From: [Salomon Israel](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: VOTE NO on HB 649
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019 1:58:23 PM

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As an oral and maxillofacial surgeon I spent 12 years of undergraduate, dental school and specialty training. I also continue to take advanced continuing education and licensure updates both for my dental license and specialty. I strongly urge you to closely consider voting against HB 649. It is in the interest of our patients that we undergo a rigorous curriculum and education and training so that we can best and safely serve our patients. By allowing "dental therapist" to have substandard education and training we are risking the welfare of our patients. Pretty soon we will have dentistry being practiced in people's homes and garages. It is inconceivable to me as a health care provider that this bill was brought up in the first place. I perform complex surgical procedures and put patients to sleep everyday and I certainly would not want any one treating me without being qualified. There is a reason why not everyone can become a health care professional as it takes many years of studying, hard work and sacrifice. I volunteer my time to help those in need and I do not believe that approving the expanded scope of dental therapist will help those who need dental treatment but can not afford it. I certainly hope that allowing dental therapist to venture into practicing invasive dentistry should not be allowed as a certain standard must be maintained for the safety of our patients. Please vote NO on HB 649.
Sincerely Salomon Israel DDS

From: Leagis.notify@myfloridahouse.gov
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Bill 2105 (2019) -- Added to House Meeting Agenda : PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee
Date: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 3:59:36 PM
Attachments: [PKA February_13_2019_04_00.ics](#)

The following Leagis event(s) have occurred:

HB 2105 (2019) -- Security Funding for Jewish Day Schools

Added to House Meeting Agenda:

02/06/2019 3:59 PM H Added to **PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee** agenda, for meeting on 02/13/2019 4:00 PM, at Reed Hall (102 HOB)

[Additional bill information ...](#)

To add to your calendar open the calendar attachment named PKA February_13_2019_04_00.

From: [Jankovits, Mimi](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: [Amy Bisceglia \(amy@rubingroup.com\)](mailto:amy@rubingroup.com)
Subject: Congratulations and Swastika in Miami Beach
Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018 9:35:45 AM

Dear Randy,

Congratulations on your win. The Jewish people certainly need you in Tallahassee advocating for security. Just yesterday a swastika was found at a shul and school complex in Miami Beach, stressing the need for the security funding. [Click here](#) for the story.

Allan and I will be in Tallahassee December 10 and 11. Look forward to seeing you then.

With blessings,

Mimi

Mimi Baron Jankovits

Executive Director, Teach Florida

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From: [Stark, Richard](#)
To: [IHSE All House Members](#)
Subject: Florida Court Reporters Association Legislative Reception
Date: Monday, February 18, 2019 11:52:41 AM

Fellow members,

My wife, Debbi is a member of this association, and we would be honored if you could attend their legislative reception this Wednesday. Please see below for details.

Thank you,

Rick

You're invited!

*Please join the
Florida Court Reporters Association
for a reception honoring Florida's Legislators*

Wednesday, February 20th

5:30-7:00 pm ET

The Governor's Club - Balcony

202 S Adams St, Tallahassee, FL 32301

RSVP Today!

Please RSVP to Valerie Rogers at 850-681-6788

or [via email](#).

Richard Stark

Florida House Representative

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From: mslifkin@templebetham.com
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: mslifkin@templebetham.com
Subject: From "Write Your Representative" Website
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 8:24:48 AM

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2250 Central Blvd
Jupiter, fl 33458-
(561)222-8350

01/29/19 8:24 AM

To the Honorable Randy Fine;

Mr Fine

We read with great interest your proposal to increase funding for Jewish Day schools to \$4 million. However, that severely misses the mark. Temple Beth Am, as many others do, operates a Jewish Preschool with over 100 Preschool children. Your proposal does not provide funding opportunities for us = Why Not?

Don't you think Jewish Preschools are just as critical to be protected from anti semitism or the terrible incidents as Jewish Day Schools? Please feel free to give me a call to discuss.

Very much appreciated
Mark Slifkin 561-222-8350
Chair Security Committee
Temple Beth Am
Jupiter, Florida

From: jeff@orlandoheritage.com
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: jeff@orlandoheritage.com
Subject: From "Write Your Representative" Website
Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 4:09:23 PM

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04/10/19 4:09 PM

To the Honorable Randy Fine;

I am the editor & publisher of Heritage Florida Jewish News, the only weekly Jewish newspaper in Central Florida. We are an independent Jewish newspaper and have been publishing every week for over 42 years. We inform our readers about issues that are close to your heart, such as fighting anti-semitism and BDS propaganda. You are even mentioned in some of our articles which you can search on our website at heritagefl.com.

I am asking you to reconsider HB 1235, eliminating legal notices from newspapers. Over 90% of our revenue is derived from legal notices. Without them, we will be forced out of business and Central Florida will lose the only Jewish newspaper it has ever had. Most of our legals come from attorneys and not government offices. They consist of Notices of Actions and Sales for foreclosed properties, Notice to Creditors, Dissolution of Marriage and Fictitious Names Notices. Our prices are very low, so many attorneys choose to use us over the much higher priced daily newspapers. Our readers look forward to receiving their newspaper each week, many have subscribed since we started publishing. I am a registered Republican and recognize you wanting to save money, but eliminating legal notices from newspapers does not guarantee any money will be saved, but does guarantee our citizens will be much less informed, especially in the Jewish community of Central Florida. Thank you for reading my letter.

From: [Stark, Richard](#)
To: [IHSE All House Members](#)
Subject: HB 597
Date: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 8:57:37 AM

Dear Fellow Members,

On Wednesday I will be presenting CS/HB 597 regarding Original Birth Certificates for Adult adoptees. The bill clarifies the process for adoptees to be able to obtain a copy of their Original Birth Certificate when the adoptee and the birth parents are known to each other. There are no privacy issues. I would like to thank Chair Burton and her staff for their assistance in drafting the language of the bill. Your support in passage of this is respectfully requested. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Sincerely,

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From: [Jeffrey Zirulnick](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Holiday Wishes
Date: Friday, December 21, 2018 1:05:33 PM

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Dear Representative Fine,

We wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a happy holiday season and to thank you for your support of the JARC Pre-Employment training Program. Here is an update on how your support is achieving success; At Woodfield Country Club Rocky was promoted and trained another JARC trainee to replace her, Gabby received her first raise and the staff celebrated Sean's birthday by decorating the bakery where he bakes the cookies; At Polo Club Jason was selected twice as employee of the month. At this time of year we like to feel thankful for the best things around us, you can feel thankful that you have helped bring joy into their lives. We look forward to seeing you up in Tallahassee.

Jeffrey Zirulnick

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To: [Fine, Randy](#); [Josephine Gon \(Josephine.Gon@JewishPalmBeach.org\)](#)
Subject: Introduction
Date: Friday, January 18, 2019 1:58:12 PM

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Dear Rep Fine,

I would like to introduce you to Josephine Gon who is the VP of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Palm Beach County Jewish Federation. Josephine also chairs the statewide JCRC group.

Josephine reached out to me about Airbnb and BDS because tackling these issues is on the top of the JCRC agenda. I think she could be a strong asset to rally strong community support for your efforts in Tallahassee.

I hope you have an opportunity to meet soon. Jo, Rep Fine is a smart, strategic and effective advocate to stop BDS and Airbnb, and protect our communities.

With blessings for a Shabbat Shalom,

Mimi

From: [Jankovits, Mimi](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: [Amy Bisceglia \(amy@rubingroup.com\)](#); [Budko, Anna](#)
Subject: Invitation to Teach Florida Legislative Breakfast January 13, 2019
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To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Jewish Day School Funding
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From: [Nolan, Brett](#)
To: [IHSE Bill Drafting \(Request Assistance\)](#)
Cc: [Fine, Randy](#); [Budko, Anna](#)
Subject: Prime co-sponsor Representative Fine's HD2105: Security Funding for Jewish Day Schools
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 3:33:51 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

To whom it may concern,

Representative Fischer is requesting to prime co-sponsor Representative Fine's *HD2105: Security Funding for Jewish Day Schools* appropriations request.

Thanks,

Brett Nolan

District Aide

Representative Jason Fischer, District 16

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From: [Havlicak, Randy](#)
To: [#HDIST016 Rep & Staff](#); [#HDIST053 Rep & Staff](#)
Cc: [Barley, Debbie](#); [Burkley, Wade](#); [Shockley, Ann](#); [Switalski, Kim](#); [Thomas, Janna](#); [Wilson, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Prime co-sponsor Representative Fine's HD2105: Security Funding for Jewish Day Schools
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 3:45:01 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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Rep. Fine & Rep. Fischer:

As requested, Rep. Fischer has been added as prime co-sponsor to HB 2105. The addition is now reflected in Leagis. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Randy L. Havlicak

Staff Director

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From: Budko, Anna **On Behalf Of** Fine, Randy

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 3:37 PM

To: Nolan, Brett ; !HSE Bill Drafting (Request Assistance)

Subject: RE: Prime co-sponsor Representative Fine's HD2105: Security Funding for Jewish Day Schools

Approved by Chair Fine, thanks.



Thank you and have a Fine day,

Anna Budko

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From: Nolan, Brett <Brett.Nolan@myfloridahouse.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 3:34 PM

To: IHSE Bill Drafting (Request Assistance)

<IHSEBillDraftingRequestAssistance@myfloridahouse.gov>

Cc: Fine, Randy <Randy.Fine@myfloridahouse.gov>; Budko, Anna

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From: [Stark, Richard](#)
To: [IHSE All House Members](#)
Cc: [House Chaplain: "rabbi@chabadtallahassee.com"](#)
Subject: Purim Celebration Tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 5:34:34 PM

Fellow Members,

There will be a short reception to celebrate Purim in the Chaplains office (514 C) tomorrow at 11:30am. I would be honored if you can attend.

Thank you so much,

Rick

Richard Stark

Florida House Representative

Deputy Minority Leader

Chair, Broward County Legislative Delegation

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From: [Gottlieb, Michael](#)
To: [Stark, Richard](#)
Cc: [IHSE All House Members](#)
Subject: Re: HB 597
Date: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 5:32:28 PM

I support this great bill.

Michael Gottlieb
State Representative
District 98

On Apr 9, 2019, at 8:57 AM, Stark, Richard <Richard.Stark@myfloridahouse.gov> wrote:

Dear Fellow Members,

On Wednesday I will be presenting CS/HB 597 regarding Original Birth Certificates for Adult adoptees. The bill clarifies the process for adoptees to be able to obtain a copy of their Original Birth Certificate when the adoptee and the birth parents are known to each other. There are no privacy issues. I would like to thank Chair Burton and her staff for their assistance in drafting the language of the bill. Your support in passage of this is respectfully requested. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Sincerely,

Richard Stark

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From: [Greg Raab](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Cc: [Bernier, Nancy](#)
Subject: RE: HB2105 - Introduction to BluePoint Alert Solutions
Date: Friday, March 29, 2019 1:33:06 PM
Attachments: [D07598DA2FB34922AE3CC124056659FB.png](#)
[MSD 4-page Report Findings \(8.5x11\). PROOF 3\[2323\].pdf](#)

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State Representative Fine,

Hope all is well with you and District 53.

I wanted to follow up from my email below on HB 2105 as I see that it is moving forward as of March 5th.

Attached above are some recommendations from the MSD Public safety Commission Report on school safety and the solutions that BluePoint Alert can provide to satisfy them.

These solutions can provide the security and safety for the Jewish Day Schools that you are requesting the funding for.

If you would like more information or you or any of the schools would like to see a demonstration of the system please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best of luck with your bill becoming law.

Regards,

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Greg](#)
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 1:17 PM
To: [Bernier, Nancy](#)
Subject: RE: HB2105 - Introduction to BluePoint Alert Solutions

Thanks Nancy!

Have a great weekend.

Regards,

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Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 1:03 PM

To: [Greg Raab](#)

Subject: RE: HB2105 - Introduction to BluePoint Alert Solutions

Greg,

Yes, I received!

Nancy Bernier

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From: Greg Raab

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Please confirm you got this.

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From: [Greg](#)

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 12:17 PM

To: randy.fine@myfloridahouse.gov

Cc: [John Shales](#)

Subject: HB2105 - Introduction to BluePoint Alert Solutions

State Representative Randy Fine,

I hope all is well and that District 53 is having a great year. My name is Greg Raab and I represent BluePoint Alert Solutions who provides a simple solution for Rapid Emergency Response Systems. Based on the recent article below on HB2105 that you proposed, Bluepoint Alert Solutions can provide for the safety and security concerns for the Jewish Day Schools in Florida. We want to help the schools provide a positive learning atmosphere while ensuring a safe and secure environment.

<http://floridapolitics.com/archives/286660-randy-fine-seeks-4m-for-security-at-jewish-day-schools>

The BluePoint Alert solution is currently protecting students in over 150 schools and is installed in 17 states. It is also installed in a few Synagogues in the Chicago area.

Florida News Coverage on BluePoint

Below is a link to a news video where just recently two students, Devon Lynn and Angel Hernandez-Nieves from Dr. Philips High School in Orange County researched and reached out on their own to BluePoint. They want to present a bill with the help of State Senator Victor Torres to the state legislature to make schools safer utilizing the BluePoint Alert solution.

<https://www.wftv.com/news/local/2-orange-county-students-to-share-with-legislators-their-ideas-to-make-schools-safer/906144426>

I want to give you some background information on BluePoint Alert Solutions and hope that you will share this email with your colleagues in Tallahassee and your contacts at Jewish Day Schools.

The information below has been shared with a few members of the MSDHS Public Safety Commission (Bob Gualtieri, Andrew Pollack, Max Schacter, Ryan Petty and Rick Swearingen) with copy to the Office of Safe Schools and to all 67 School District Superintendents as we will be attending the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) School Safety and Security Showcase in Kissimmee on February 20-22.

BluePoint Origins in School Safety

BluePoint Alert Solutions has its origins in the aftermath of the tragic Sandy Hook school shooting in Connecticut. During a regular client meeting with a local school district, we discussed with the District Superintendent the idea of a user-friendly, rapid notification system for law enforcement and how valuable it could be in saving lives in extreme emergency situations.

From this conversation, BluePoint Alert Solutions was born. BluePoint provides a patented Rapid Emergency Response System (RERS) with a very intuitive user interface for panic situations combined with a powerful communications platform to provide first responders and building leaders with the situational awareness to make more informed decisions faster. Our solution integrates with existing security systems like security cameras and access control systems to multiply their effectiveness. Along with our solution we also are able to provide security assessments for all emergency situations, emergency management plan consultation, and other building security enhancements.

Our mission is "To provide an affordable Rapid Emergency Response System (RERS) that instantly notifies emergency responders and building occupants of an emergency situation, expedites a rapid response, triggers emergency management protocols and ultimately saves lives."

MSDHS Public Safety Commission Report Recommendations

Recommendations from the MSDHS Public Safety Commission report dated 1/2/19 that are already a part of BluePoint's solution include:

Chapter 3.1 e) Every school must have an effective communication system through which everyone on campus can see and/or hear-and immediately react to -a called Code Red or similar active assailant response notification.

Appendix B. Target Hardening

Level 1: Campus Monitoring – All school districts should allow law enforcement at its discretion to live monitor all existing camera systems at all schools within the district.

Communication – There should be effective two-way communications between lockdown spaces and school administrators, SRO or law enforcement.

Level 2: Video Coverage – Consider video surveillance systems capable of internet access that include first responder and emergency communications centers access via internet during an emergency

Level 3: During a Lockdown – If a Code Red or other active assailant response is initiated, make sure that message is displayed on all computer screens connected to the school's computer network.

Establish a system that notifies staff, district officials, parents and students off campus by email, text and/or phone about an active assailant response being implemented.

Provide school personnel with a device that could be worn to immediately notify law enforcement of an emergency.

Other: Gunshot location sensor should be tied into the camera system

BluePoint Alert Solutions Details

The link below provides the features of the solution for Rapid Emergency Response Systems. The faster first responders are on site, the faster the emergency situation ends. The faster people take precautions, the faster they are safe. Panicked people don't think clearly or react rationally. Saving time saves lives.

<https://www.bluepointalert.com/police-alert/>

The link below describes ways to increase your emergency communication with Bluepoint's Command and Control which includes: 2-way communication, situational awareness, informed instruction, visual point identification, live security camera feeds, multi hazard communication and silent alert.

<https://www.bluepointalert.com/education/>

The link below contains 4 videos that describe the 1) Complete Solution Overview (3:04) 2) Command & Control Introduction (2:48) 3) In-Depth Product Overview (9:53) and Command & Control Overview (4:22)

<https://www.bluepointalert.com/videos/>

Below are a couple links (video) to schools that were implemented last summer.

<https://www.bluepointalert.com/blog/2860/glen-lake-community-schools-innovative-student-safety-solution/>

<https://www.bluepointalert.com/blog/2854/st-benedicts-preparatory-school-installs-bluepoint/>

We would appreciate your feedback on the information provided and if you have questions please feel free to contact me at gregraab@bluepointalert.com or call me at 888-258-3706 x722.

"Everybody is vulnerable to active shooters, and if you cut down the response time by even a minute, that's countless lives that you could be saving."

– Bryan, Director of Safety, Illinois

Thank you for your time and attention and we look forward to talking with you.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 10:24 AM

To: Jankovits, Mimi

Cc: Amy Bisceglia (amy@rubingroup.com); Budko, Anna

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Date: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 10:20:36 AM

RPOF meeting ends Saturday afternoon so Sunday AM won't be a problem. I will be there (dad is TBD, but bagels are a must!). Anna, please add to calendar. --R

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Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 8:47:13 AM

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> Mark Slifkin 561-222-8350

> Chair Security Committee

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Honorable Mr. Fine

Thank you for that update - that is very encouraging and appreciated.

regards
Mark Slifkin

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From: [Susan](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#); [Fischer, Jason](#); onejax@unf.edu; [Americans United](#); aclufl@aclufl.org; contactinfo@splcentermail.com; comms@lwvfl.org; [Indivisible Mandarin](#); patricia@lwvfl.org; nicollette@lwvfl.org; info@floridapta.org
Subject: Religious bigotry shouldn't be tolerated in any school
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 12:05:18 PM

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Honorable Representatives Fine and Fischer,

Please amend HB 741 before it reaches the Judiciary committee

I am writing you Mr. Fischer because you're my representative and a co-sponsor of the bill. I am writing you Mr. Fine because you're the sponsor of the bill and you were willing to make one amendment already. I am copying groups that I hope might either support my position or tell me where I'm wrong.

Hopefully it is obvious why I am asking for support and/or advice from Americans United for Separation of Church and State; the ACLU; and the Southern Poverty Law Center since the main focus of HB 741 is to include religion in 1000.05 of the Florida Statutes. The reason I am including the other groups is because my guess is their goals include:

Support a statewide accountability system..... for all schools that receive public funds, directly or indirectly.

My guess is all the groups would support adding religion to 1000.05 of the Florida statutes if 1000.05 would also apply to all schools receiving public funds, directly or indirectly. 1000.05 and HB 741 should cover charter schools and private schools receiving voucher money.

HB 741 will add "**religion**" to the list in 1000.05 (2)(a). This is how 1000.05(2)(a) reads now:

Discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, or marital status against a student or an employee in the state system of public K-20 education is prohibited. No person in this state shall, on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, or marital status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any public K-20 education program or activity, or in any employment conditions or practices, conducted by a public educational institution that receives or benefits from federal or state financial assistance.

I see no reason why religion shouldn't be added to 1000.05 of the Florida Statutes. I am merely asking you to amend HB 741 in the following ways:

1. Where possible, make the wording broader so it clearly covers all minority religions that have experienced the brunt of religious bigotry
2. Make 1000.05 of the Florida statutes apply to all K-20 schools receiving local, state, or federal financial assistance. Unless I am mistaken, 1000.05 currently only applies to neighborhood and magnet schools. There appears to be a movement within the current legislature to expand vouchers and charter schools. These kinds of rules need to apply to those schools also.
3. As part of the bill, require civility and sensitivity classes for all schools that receive local, state and federal financial assistance.
4. Include the wording in the Do No Harm Act (H.R. 1450) because we don't want people to

use religion as an excuse to harm OTHER people.

The comments and debates during the Education Committee meeting on March 21st made it clear why we need civility and sensitivity classes in all the schools receiving local, state and federal financial assistance. Representative Daniels has a bill before the Congress which (if it passes) would make it a requirement that neighborhood and magnet schools offer an elective class teaching the Bible. Instead of doing that, why not make it mandatory that kids take a class on world religions, civics and civility? It seems to me a course which teaches religion (i.e. the Bible) as a guide post to lead your life should be taught in the religious institutions which could also offer the strength of the religious community.

I made these notes as I was listening to the video of the presentation of HB 741 to the education committee:

Audience member Amy talked about the discrimination she experienced in her life. I interpreted what Amy was saying to indicate the bill needs to include a requirement for a class in sensitivity. The bill also needs to apply to all schools receiving taxpayer money.

A Rabbi from the audience starts around the 2 hour and 9 minute mark. I appreciated the Rabbi mentioning the murders in New Zealand. I felt he was saying that we need to include Islamophobia in addition to antisemitism in the bill. I would add that in addition to specifically mentioning antisemitism and islamophobia, we should also specifically mention anti-atheism.

Rep Massullo mentions that discrimination is partly caused by ignorance. Doesn't that mean we need to teach classes in sensitivity?

Rep Valdes said she wished we could change hearts. We need sensitivity training! And this bill needs to apply to ALL schools receiving taxpayer money.

Shouldn't Representative Daniels' remarks regarding Messianic Judaism indicate another example as to why we need classes in sensitivity? I know many people were outraged when Vice President Pence invited a Messianic Jewish Rabbi to give a prayer after the killings at the synagogue. Here is one quote from an article I read:

The Jewish groups argued that allowing the rabbi, whom they don't recognize as Jewish, to offer a prayer for victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting sowed religious division at a time when Americans should be standing with Jews.

A statement from the Rabbinical Assembly, a Conservative Jewish group and one of several to object, declared that "so-called 'Messianic Judaism' is not a Jewish movement.

Thanks,

Susan Aertker
Jacksonville citizen

From: [Toby Henderson](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Rep. Fine does Jewish mean one who follows Torah?
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Mr Fine,

Airbnb helps Americans, individuals and not huge business and government.

They do this by enabling us to provide better more efficient service than that of the hospitality industry.

We have no purpose for a government to licence and make new laws until they start eliminating (10) ten laws for every one they create. The florida government is over reaching and obstructing the individual tax payer with this gross negligence and misbehavior. How about the florida government limiting it self for a change.

And yes I do study Torah and this government surely is representative of wicked and ancient ones. Regaurdless of west bank Issues you limit Americans this is our country not the governments country to destroy. Perhaps if one cares for the west bank so much then one should move there. This is not the west bank this is AMERICA. Some Americans KNOW the true definition of the satan. It comes in the form of the Florida government obstructing the people of FLORIDA. To the ones that study HEBREW and are USAF vetrans. And further ones who study the actual law and not fake imposter law. And are AMERICANS and not fake terrorist ms13 gang members.

Perhaps populating the west bank would be nice. Yet you obstruct my business so I cannot so readily populate it see now how you government workers xxxxx our lives. Ohhh mabye I should just join the free welfare government programs like the rest of the slaves. Good day perhaps not making laws would be more appropriate in the future. Thanks alot servant.

From: [Guy Spearman](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: Rep. Randy Fine pushes UCF "shutdown" over financial scandal, misuse of funds
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Rep. Randy Fine pushes UCF 'shutdown' over financial scandal, misuse of funds

TALLAHASSEE — The chairman of the House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee on Wednesday toyed with the idea of punishing the [University of Central Florida](#) because of a financial scandal, including plucking the school's state-funded building projects or even shutting it down.

Chairman [Randy Fine, R-Palm Bay](#), is a key player in making funding decisions for the university system. On Wednesday, he focused on UCF, where officials misspent tens of millions of dollars of state operating money on construction projects.

"I believe that we are stewards of taxpayer money and we are obligated not to fund organizations that refuse to steward that money in an appropriate way," Fine said. "If it was a private business that I owned, I would shut it down."

Fine also inquired about the Legislature's power to remove "bad actors" from a list of state-funded education building projects. Such a move would be possible, according to Eliza Hawkins, the deputy staff director for the subcommittee.

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Shutting down the university may not be "realistic," Fine acknowledged to the News Service of Florida after a meeting of his panel. But he said the university's financial history will be a factor when the House considers funding its building projects, including maintenance, restoration and repairs of existing facilities.

Florida has spent \$606 million to partially fund 37 building projects at state universities and colleges. To finish those projects, there is a need for \$733 million more in state funds.

"We are going to go project by project and see the recommendations on whether those projects are actually good ideas," Fine told the News Service. "As related to [UCF](#), their history will probably play into that, but we will have to see how that plays out."

The suggestions, however, rattled [state Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith](#), an Orlando Democrat who represents the area that includes UCF. Smith, a member of Fine's subcommittee, called the chairman's comments "reckless."

"It's reckless because people will hear that and they will fear for their jobs," Smith told the News Service. "Moving forward, as we continue to handle the financial decisions of a handful of leaders at the University of Central Florida, we should take a more measured and balanced approach."

Following the exchange between Fine and Smith, [House Speaker Jose Oliva](#) said in a statement that he does not support closing UCF.

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"The misuse of taxpayer dollars by a few members of the UCF administration does not diminish the achievements of the faculty and students of the university nor does it reflect negatively on the positive impact UCF has to both Central Florida and the entire state," Oliva, R-Miami Lakes, said.

Fine's comments followed other moves by the House to crack down on UCF officials in the wake of the financial scandal. Last week, the House Public Integrity & Ethics Committee voted to summon 14 university officials, including [UCF President Dale Whittaker](#), to testify before the committee.

"A proper investigation is in the best interest of the university and important to its integrity," Oliva said in his statement.

The misuse of state funds surfaced in September and focused on \$38 million in operating money that was used to construct UCF's Trevor Colbourn Hall. Under state policy, the funds were supposed to be used for activities such as instruction, research, libraries, student services or maintenance.

A subsequent investigation by an Atlanta law firm led to a report that outlined a total of \$84.7 million in state operating funds that either were used or slated to be used by UCF for construction projects, in direct violation of state policy.

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Subject: Senate Bill 824 committee meeting response - please vote yes and don't grandfather Miami Beach in. They didn't grandfather me in. We need to be preempted.
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March 28, 2019

Dear Florida Senators and Representatives:

I just watched the House Business and Professions subcommittee meeting from March 26 when they discussed Vacation and short -term rentals and Bill 824. Being from Miami Beach, where in 2010 the City Commission passed a law that forbids rentals of less than 6 month and a day (now with a \$20k fine) I am in favor of Senate Bill 824 and am particularly interested in the not grandfathering in cities like Miami Beach who have taken property rights from its citizens without compensation. Miami Beach's short- term rental laws were an unconstitutional taking and should be preempted.

I noticed some Senators and other speakers representing local governments have concerns about this law and some are reluctant to preempt the laws of cities that were grandfathered in. To those people I want to point out that there was a massive unconstitutional taking of rights in Miami Beach, and the citizens who bought property with the right to rent it were not grandfathered in. As a result, this area hardest hit by the recession, had some of the highest short sale, foreclosure, and bankruptcy rates in the country. The only way many people were able to rent their homes was renting out part or all of it on occasion in order to make ends meet, and many did it without the city knowing because they bothered no one.

I believe that the mayor or commissioner of Sanibel was against it, and mentioned that she had owned vacation rentals before, but she did her

due diligence and chose a place where it was legal. I assure you I did too – I chose Miami Beach..It was legal.

In the 1990's I used to work for PageNet selling beepers, and brought them to many people who were renting short term in my neighborhood. I almost bought a house in Miami Beach at that time and received a job that would transfer me to Tennessee, and looked into going through with the purchase and having it managed by a real estate company in Miami Beach. I found it to be perfectly legal, but did not buy at that time.

I did buy a home on the street in 2004, when I still lived in Memphis and rented it out short term. Short term rentals were still legal at that time. After about 4 months, I was able to move back to Miami and lived in my new house for many years, also purchasing the house next door and a 4-plex a few blocks away in 2006.

I used an attorney who lived on the street for the purchase of 1541 Stillwater, and he knew I was immediately renting it back to the people I bought it from month to month. It was legal. On the 4-plex, I even filed and paid resort tax for rentals less than 6 months. Then, in 2010, when I had lost my job I had for 14 years, the hotel lobby pushed the commission to make short term rentals illegal because their bookings were down.

Keep in mind that I chose to buy in Miami Beach because unlike Coconut Grove, where I grew up, it was a town of vacation homes and more possibilities for renting. Unlike Coconut Grove, less than 20% of the homes in the city are homesteaded. They are bought as vacation homes or second homes, and rented out when the owner is not using them. Right now, this means that the state gets about 2 to 3 times the property tax from un-homesteaded homes, plus sales tax, which I paid. My home pays about \$28,000 a year. My neighbors homesteaded property is less than \$10,000.

Many investors who do not vote are being treated unfairly by this law.

Miami Beach residents were not given proper notice of the law and in 2010 there was still nothing in any code that was available which code enforcement could show me that said rentals had to be 6 months and a day. During the recession, it was hard for homeowners cut off from their income to pay an attorney to fight for their rights. My starting quote was \$20,000.00.

One company, Villazzio LLC which owned several waterfront and other houses as rentals on Miami Beach sued the city for the right to continue renting based on the unconstitutionality of the law and unfair taking. I was told that if they prevailed, it would set a precedent and make it legal for everyone. However, the city drug out the two cases from 2009 to 2015. Imagine those law fees. I had a hard time finding out what happened to this case, as the city settled it by a secret agreement allowing this company to continue renting without penalty in an area where none of the neighbors are allowed to rent. The city has not fully complied with all of the freedom of information act information on this case, but it has been discovered that the agreement was that code would not violate them and that if they were violated the city attorney would make the violation disappear. So, Villazzo.com has a web site up advertising nightly rentals with no fine, yet I was fined for an advertisement someone else placed in France using a photo of my house without my permission, and had I had to pay that fine.

I have heard our mayor, Dan Gelber, speak about how short-term rentals are changing the character of the neighborhood and how people bought thinking they were buying into an neighborhood of families. I do not know what neighborhood he is talking about. I bought on a street with a lot of foreign second home owners, single people, and retired people who travel often and rent out their homes. Louis is 84 and owns the 2 houses to the right of my two houses. He once

owned 5 houses on the street and is for short term rentals. Rocky on the other side of him lives in the Redlands and uses his house on weekends as a Vacation home. The house on the other side of him is short term rentals. The house to the left of me was rented to several people at once long term or short term. The two houses on the other side were short term rentals. The realtor I bought my house from owned another house on my street. The lady at the end of the street goes to Panama often to care for her father for months at a time and was fined \$40,000.000. The lady across the street from me is retired 65 and fined \$20k. Oliver a realtor owed several homes and a 4 plex and managed one property where he got a \$100,000 fine prior to the fine being raised to \$20,000.00.

I have seen so many civil rights issues with Miami Beach's law. Oliver who was fined \$100,000 had rented to black people, which brought code over immediately, as the neighbors can guess the group is not the owner's family. Another home renting to black people not making any noise in the middle of a sunny day brought 8 police cars and canine unit, just for not having a 6 months lease. Another resident having an afternoon pool party with black people had code come over their wall to come fine them. He, however, had a noise alert that recorded the history of how loud the party was – and it was not loud. Code backed off when he threatened to go public with their discriminatory nature. I lived next door to one of my rentals before I sold it. I don't want loud parties in the neighborhood, trash, or over occupancy either. However, the city of Miami Beach has done nothing to address those concerns. Miami Beach has hired several extra code officers to look for advertisements on short term rentals and knock on people's doors at night threatening to evict them (often following thru with a midnight eviction of someone with a lease less than 6 months). They have hired extra police. They knock on doors in the middle of the night to see who is there, they threaten to arrest people they do not believe who cannot

show their lease. However, they do not send police promptly when there is an issue of disturbing the peace. When they find someone disturbing the peace, actually upsetting the neighbors, they do not fine them. They give them a warning and try to find out how long their lease is. Long term renter who is having loud party at 3:00am– no problem. Short term renter that lied to the owner and had 10 people instead of 2, no problem for renter - \$20k fine for the owner. The renter loves that.

If instead of fining \$20k for short term renters, Miami Beach fined the first time for disturbing the peace – even \$500.00 (which is what they charge second disturbing the peace call), short term renters would say something about that on the web site they rented from and future tenants would be quiet. Also, if landlords have someone who booked a 3000 square foot home claiming they were only 4 people and signed that there would never be more than 8 people on the property, and then had a party with 20, the owner cannot make them leave. While the city may make short-term renters leave when they want to, I called for assistance once because I had a group breaking the agreement, which I showed to the police. They told me I had to let them stay and have a party all weekend, tough luck, here's your fine. The group was not that loud, but they were blocking the sidewalk, illegal parking, and exceeding my allowed occupancy. The police would not fine or ticket for anything. The police coming down on this type of thing is what would make the neighborhood quality of life better.

You know what really ruins your quality of life? Spending your whole life savings and 401 K trying to hold onto property that used to generate \$20k a month when you have expenses of \$12k a month. It's worse when you have 3 properties. It's even worse when you owe more than they are worth. When everyone is selling because they cannot rent their vacation home when they are not there, property values suffer. Adding a \$20,000 fine to people who are just trying to survive adds

insult to injury. Its bullying, and its unconstitutional.

Know what happens when people are bullied and lose their home, job, life savings, their financial freedom and stability – especially at the age of retirement? They get depressed and anxious. Know what it's like for a 65-year-old woman to go out looking for a job to cover a \$9,500 a month PMTI payment after being out of the typical workforce for years? Especially when they don't speak Spanish and every job in their town demands it? Know what depressed and anxious people do? Well, look at the suicide rates after the recession when people lost their homes and jobs...its high.

For those who say just move somewhere that its legal, what if they then make it illegal? How are you going to buy the new place if you can't get a mortgage or don't have the money to put down. The city of Miami Beach has wiped out a lot of cash flow positive businesses for small mom and pops who are going to have great difficulty replacing that income with any other way.

For Example, I used to make about \$20k on my home in season and about \$10k-\$15k out. The last several long-term rentals on my street make about \$3000/ month. My Taxes are \$28k a month. Even if I owned my house free and clear long-term rent would not cover taxes. And I am not the only one.

I call myself the silent majority, because while I may be one of very few people speaking out, most people want short term rentals here in Miami Beach and many are still doing it. Without much effort or organizing, I have 700 signatures on a petition to allow short term renters. I have many neighbors who are still doing the short-term rentals without the city finding out. IF they speak out, they are afraid of being targeted, as they were in Miami. I also know people fined for their tenants subleasing – again insult to injury. My brother took some testimonials of someone f my neighbors like Louis next door and Nelly across the street and a few other people. You can watch about 6 of

them on You tube under the heading “It’s us, the People,” a name I chose because I feel like we are not being heard by lawmakers over the hotel lobby and because Mayor Dan Gelber once said that this ban was not hurting any mom and pop operations. I want you do see some of the faces still hurting.

To those of you who are Democrats, I’d like to tell you that I go to several seminars on investment and short-term rentals. One of the messages in such seminars is “don’t buy in Miami Beach,” and another is “Vote Republican if you want your property rights protected.” I have been a Democrat all of my life but I do cross party lines to vote often. This year I voted for DeSantis – and think he is doing a great job. Over 90% of the state believes in the right to short term rent. A poll in Miami Beach Hub (started by Michael Grieco) found that the majority of people wanted to be able to rent for less than a month – exceeding those who wanted to leave the 6-month minimum and change it to a one month minimum combined.

My neighborhood HOA president (public neighborhood/not binding) was solicited by the mayor to speak against short term rentals and said the neighborhood did not want it. In reality, when the topic came up on the neighborhood Facebook page such a vast majority supported it that she removed my post. I would say that half the homes on the street have been cited at least once for short term rentals – even if the city let them off for promising not to do it again.

I also noticed in your discussion that Senator Fine wanted to ban Airbnb from getting commission or doing business in Florida due to it removing listings for Israeli settlements in the west bank. He was very upset that we were not allowing Jewish residents in Florida who own property in the West Bank make money on their property. Yet, he said he doesn’t necessarily support the bill that would restore property rights to people like myself who live and own rental properties in Miami Beach where the right to rent was taken years ago with no due

process who are suffering the loss. I don't care if I can't use Airbnb. There are tons of way to rent properties. I can't even legally rent a room on my un-homesteaded home to a friend for 5 months without getting a \$20,000.00 fine. One person in town rented his couch to a friend for a week, and they had an argument and the friend turned him in, he got fined and the magistrate was not at liberty to reduce the fine.

To the mayor of Lake park who makes the point that these are homes not products, I agree. But your home comes with rights. You can live in it and you can rent it out. You can probably even rent yours monthly. Not being able to do that takes value from a home. I takes your ability to keep it through hard times. IT takes your ability to earn income from it. Many homeowners are suffering. We do not have the right to chose out neighbors, and I would rather have any neighbor you want to give me for any period of time that lose my home. My city is forcing people out of their homes. I don't know who my neighbor brings home at night. Why should the city legislate how long I have to have a roommate for? Maybe I don't want to have roommates when I am home, or over the holidays when I have family, but I need the money. The state is paid handsomely for that as people give up their homestead exemption. People buy homes to take them through many stages in life. Its often looked at as a lifelong investment and people don't care to rent it until their kids move out or they have opportunity to travel. Often people cannot move and get new mortgages, etc at such a time, but they should be able to rent their home to a family for any length of time.

As far as the Bay harbor Island commissioner who is concerned about sexual predators, I think sexual predators are supposed to get approval of their probation officer to stay somewhere out of town, and they would not allow it where not appropriate. Most sexual abuse happens from people children have known for a long time. As far as the rent,

Miami Beach rent is lower than most places in Miami. Our crime is going up and our property values down. That is not what any property owner wants. Second homeowners are fleeing due to hardship. Retirees who enjoyed renting part of their home are now in financial stress. The rising tide raises all boats.

To the Representative that is from Indian River who is concerned about events that happen weekly, I would be for allowing municipalities to set occupancy limits, or limiting the number of events to one or two a year, and block out turtle nesting dates. However, the right of renting for less than 6 months and a day in Miami Beach needs to be restored. Currently, with the generous support of Goldwater Institute, I am suing the City of Miami Beach for their excessive \$20,000 fine and for their discriminatory doling out of legal rental zones with no good reason. Another Miami Beach citizen, Greg Mirmelli, is suing them for what I am as well as discrimination and loss of \$8,000,000 that he would have made if allowed to short term rent since the city is allowing Villazzio to do it. I wish I could sue for monetary damages as well as it clearly has costed me a couple of million dollars and could take my home. We do not have 5 years for this case to play out. Please help us.

There is no reason a tourist town like Miami Beach should not have the same rights as every other city in Florida. I believe that we will both win in court, but it's been about a year since I filed my case and we have only had a hearing on the motion to dismiss. The city had a history of passing laws it knows to be unconstitutional and hoping to kill opponents with law fees in the process of stopping them – and in my case they also cut off my only stream of income. Please help City of Miami Beach and other city residents get relief sooner rather than later. Please restore our property rights which were taken without compensation. Also feel free to join my facebook group miami beach for home sharing and short term rentals.

Thank you,

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Petition attached.

<http://chnng.it/Hv5J2JG9Wf>

From: [Kennedy Ryder](#)
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Subject: Thank you again!
Date: Thursday, March 07, 2019 12:08:29 PM

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Hello Representative Fine,

I just wanted to extend my gratitude for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with me yesterday to talk about the exciting things happening at Stetson. Protecting and helping Florida's Jewish community thrive is something I am very passionate about, so it is such an honor to meet with a lawmaker who is leading the charge in this effort. With the resurgence of antisemitism we are seeing recently, everything you are doing to advocate for our people and community could not be more important or appreciated.

As I mentioned yesterday, Stetson Hillel would be honored to have you attend the ribbon cutting for the opening of our Hillel House. I will be sure to keep you updated on the dates and logistics of that event as they are communicated to me. I've attached the photo that we took yesterday evening, as well!

Shalom,

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Date: Friday, November 30, 2018 10:53:19 AM

Dear Randy,

Your strong stand for the Jewish people, security and now stopping Airbnb and BDS is tremendous.

Thank you. The Airbnb story is being picked up in national Jewish media and G-dwilling will light a fire under other states to take action.

See you in Tallahassee soon.

With blessings,

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Dear Representative Fine:

On behalf of the Jewish community of Palm Beach county and the JCRC of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, we would like to thank you so much for your leadership in sponsoring HB 741 which intended to create a legal definition of Anti-Semitism. We are so grateful that this bill unanimously passed the Florida House of Representative with a 114 to 0 vote.

Through your leadership and support of the Florida House of Representatives, this critical legislation could be a model for other states and for our Federal legislators.

Again, thank you for this effort and for your friendship.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Three plans: Governor, Senate, House have 45 days to resolve education budget differences
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Three plans: Governor, Senate, House have 45 days to resolve education budget differences

Gov. Ron DeSantis submitted his \$21.7 billion fiscal year 2020 budget request for the state's K-12 education programs in February.

On Tuesday, the Senate rolled out a \$22.2 billion fiscal year 2020 education plan. The House followed through on Wednesday with its own \$21.6 billion education budget proposal.

The Legislature has until May 3 – the last day of 2019 regular legislative session – to cobble the three together into one adopted comprehensive education budget bill that DeSantis will sign.

House PreK-12 Appropriations Education Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Chris Latvala, R-Clearwater, introduced his \$21.6 billion education proposal Wednesday, which calls for \$600,000 less in spending than the Senate plan previewed Tuesday.

More than \$500,000 of that difference is that Latvala's plan includes about half the increase in Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) spending the Senate is requesting.

The House's plan does not include the \$14 million in recovery money the Senate allocates for schools hammered by Hurricane Michael and imposes a new metric – regional wages – to the school-funding formula's price-level index that the Senate has not adopted.

The House budget proposal seeks to increase per-student FEFP spending in the preK-12 system by 2.75 percent, \$579.3 million, next year. The hike would translate into about \$167 more for each student.

The Senate FEFP plan, outlined by Senate Education Appropriations Chair Kelli Stargel, R-Lakeland, would increase per-student funding by 4.71 percent, \$1.1 billion. The boost would translate into about \$350 more per student.

"I think what you're seeing with this Senate is that we do value education – all education, including public education," Stargel told the appropriations committee Tuesday. "We put the money there to help support that."

This year's \$21.1 billion FEFP allocation – including \$9.1 billion, or 43 percent, from local district taxpayers – breaks down to \$7,429 for each of the state's 2.8 million Full Time Enrolled (FTE) students.

DeSantis has called for a \$224 per-student increase in the FEFP to \$7,653 each. The Senate plan would raise it \$350 to \$7,779. The House budget request debuted Wednesday by Latvala would boost the FEFP by \$167 to \$7,596 for each FTE student.

The House's education budget request incorporates the findings from a \$100,000 Legislature-financed study that determined the "unique to Florida" index used as FEFP's funding formula does not adequately "equalize funding" among the state's school districts, which feature vast variations in population, geography and economic standards.

In a January presentation, the Bamoral Group recommended changes to a pricing index weighted by a complex menu of "calculators" unchanged since 2003. Among revisions is a regional wage calculator that can more accurately gauge economic impacts.

The House plan introduced by Latvala Wednesday features the first attempt to introduce those new factors to the funding formula's pricing indexes.

All three plans call for revamping the "Best and Brightest" teacher-bonus program, including eliminating reliance on SAT and ACT college-entrance exams in determining bonus eligibility.

Both chambers' plans allocate the \$234 million for teacher bonuses earmarked by DeSantis in his budget request, but neither proposal calls for an across-the-board teacher raise, which education professionals point to as a deficiency in recruiting teachers to the state.

The House's proposed program would make "Best and Brightest" bonuses of \$2,000 for each classroom teacher rated "highly effective" and up to \$1,100 for each teacher rated "effective."

"In a perfect world, we would be able to give teachers raises. It's something that I absolutely would love to do," Latvala said during Wednesday's House PreK-12 Appropriations Education Subcommittee, noting up to 93 percent of Florida's teachers are at least rated "effective."

The Senate carves out \$233 million for bonuses for teachers and principals based on the academic improvement of schools and \$600 million in "flexible funds" that local school districts can use for teacher raises or other needs.

The Senate's education funding request would also provide \$68 million to help Florida schools hire at least one safety officer for each school, \$50 million in "school hardening grants" to help districts and charter schools increase security and \$2 million for Jewish day school security.

Other components of the Senate education budget include \$46 million to assist struggling schools, \$31 million to address youth mental health issues, and \$14.2 million to help Panhandle schools that have lost enrollment because of Hurricane Michael.

Latvala dismissed concerns about the differences between the governor's education budget request and those introduced by the Senate and the House.

“This is the just the starting point,” he said. "As you know, we are going to be conferencing with our Senate partners who have a different budget and philosophy than we do, so a lot of things can change.”

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From: [edward.wenger](#)
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Subject: We Met At The RJC Vegas Conference
Date: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 5:09:55 PM

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Dear Representative Fine,

It was a pleasure to meet you at the RJC Las Vegas Conference (At Starbucks). As I mentioned to you, Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options (JAFCO), located in Sunrise Florida, is the most compelling charitable organization which my wife and I support. The JAFCO Website provides information about their work which consists, primarily, of helping abused, neglected, or abandoned infants, children, and young adults, either by providing them a home in the "Children's Village" or in assisting in foster care/adoption. Additionally, JAFCO provides an Abilities Center for children with development disabilities such as autism or md which allows the parents to leave the children in excellent care while they get away for a short while.

JAFCO is presently provided some state and federal funding (Of course JAFCO assists without regard to religion, race, etc.) It was so encouraging to hear that you would like to visit the facilities. I will follow-up this letter with a phonemail to see when it would be convenient for you to visit the facilities. (Or you can email me or call me at 561 315-4907).

My background is that I have BSEE, MSEE, and JD Degrees and worked as an engineer and as an attorney prior to starting a company to provide software and hardware design services. I grew the company to become an Aerospace/Defense electronic test equipment manufacturing and services company which served every branch of the US Military, International Military, and International Commercial Corporations over a 30 year period. I sold the company in 2005 and retired. My wife and I live in Boca Raton, Florida and maintain a home in Sands Point, LI, NY to which we travel for summer months.

One of my US factories and offices was in Melbourne, Florida.

I look forward to speaking with you.

Ed Wenger (edwenger@aol.com)

From: [Begum Becerik](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
Subject: CAIR FL Capitol Day Meeting Request
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:30:57 PM

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Dear Representative Fine,

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This visit will be CAIR Florida's first CAIR Capitol Day, taking place on April 10, and will include Constituents from across Florida.

We also invite your office to attend lunch with our community. Location unknown as of now, but we will contact you to inform you of the location.

Attending the meeting from CAIR Florida will be Tyler Shortsleeves, Social Justice Law Clerk; Majda Rahmanovic, Community Planning & Development Director; and Hassan Shibly, Chief Executive Director; Thania Diaz Clevenger, Civil Rights Director; Amatullah Muhammad, Tampa Events Coordinator; Begum Becerik, Orlando Events Coordinator; Yusuf Nganga, South Florida Events Coordinator; and Wilfredo Ruiz, Communications Director.

Several additional CAIR Florida delegates from other Muslim organizations across Florida may also attend. Once they are confirmed, I will make sure to send you their details as well.

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I can be reached at the phone number or e-mail address below. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Social Justice Law Clerk

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From: [Tyler Shortsleeves](#)
To: [Fine, Randy](#)
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